

LINEAR e^+e^- COLLIDER AT CERN

- Linear collider at CERN, first at 250 then at 550 GeV
- Possible further upgrades
- Replies to ESPP questions

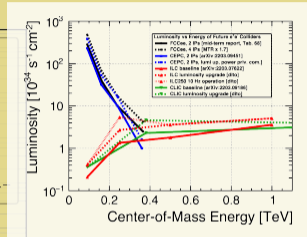
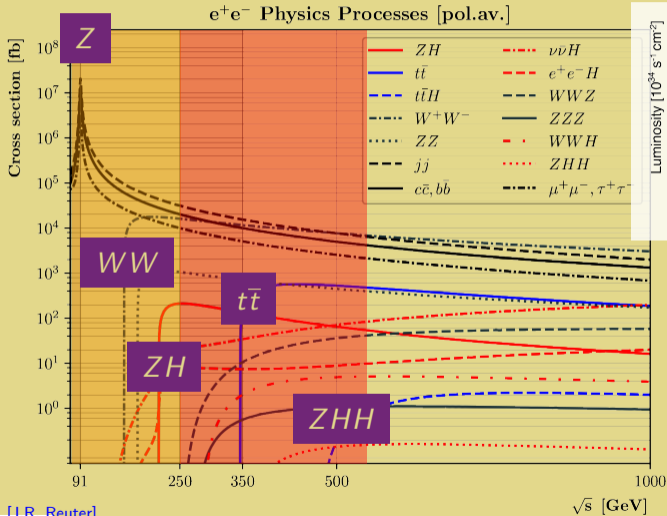
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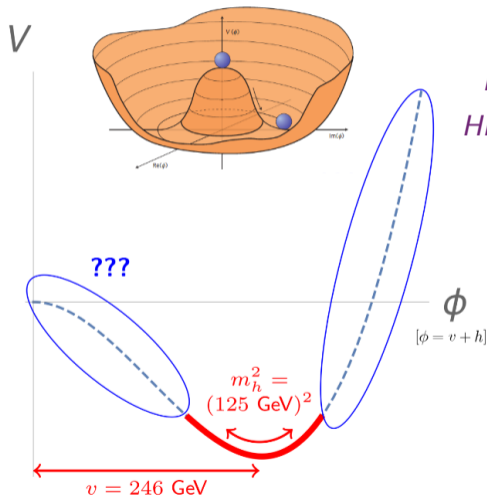
e^+e^- CROSS-SECTIONS



Circular colliders are optimal at low \sqrt{s} . The higher you go, the better LC become.

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HIGGS POTENTIAL

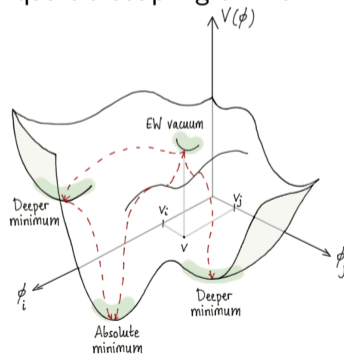


H : VEV = 246 GeV

HH : mass = 125 GeV

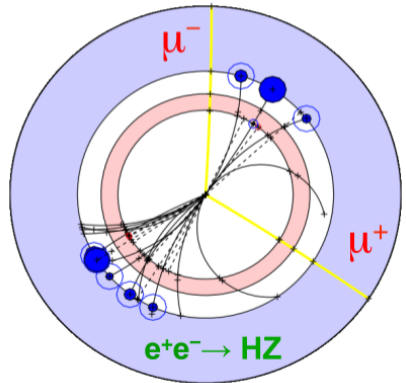
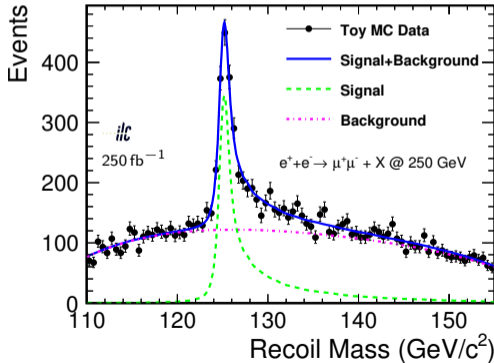
HHH : trilinear coupling unknown

$HHHH$: quartic coupling unknown



HIGGS COUPLINGS

With $\mathcal{O}(10^6)$ ZH events you can get an absolute measurement of the H coupling. LHC measurements are ratios.



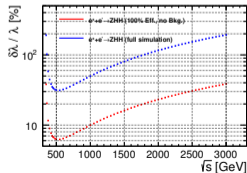
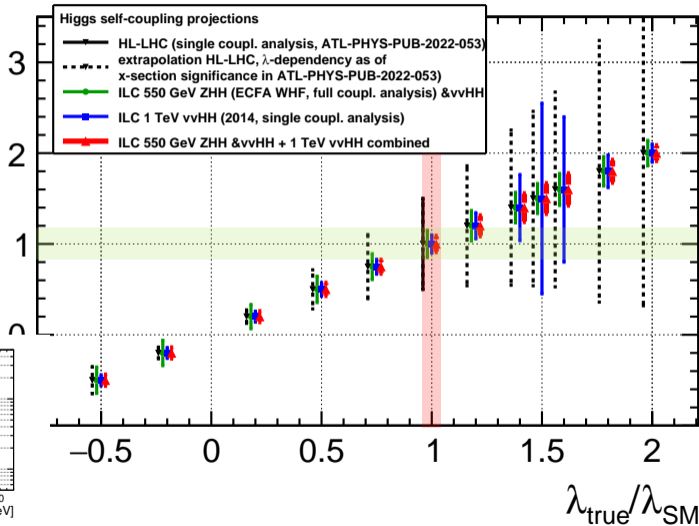
HIGGS SELF-COUPLING

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Then go
to
550 GeV

$\lambda_{\text{meas}}/\lambda_{\text{SM}}$



SNOWMASS HIGGS REPORT

Precision on cubic Higgs coupling:

collider	Indirect- H	HH	combined
HL-LHC	100–200%	50%	50%
ILC ₂₅₀ /C ₂₅₀ ³	49%	–	49%
ILC ₅₀₀ /C ₅₅₀ ³	38%	20%	20%
FCC-ee	33%	–	33%
FCC-ee (4 IPs)	24%	–	24%
CLIC ₃₈₀	50%	–	50%
CLIC ₁₅₀₀	49%	36%	29%
CLIC ₃₀₀₀	49%	9%	9%
FCC-hh	–	3.4–7.8%	3.4–7.8%
μ (3 TeV)	–	15–30%	15–30%
μ (10 TeV)	–	4%	4%

ILC with a 550 GeV gets to 20% precision.

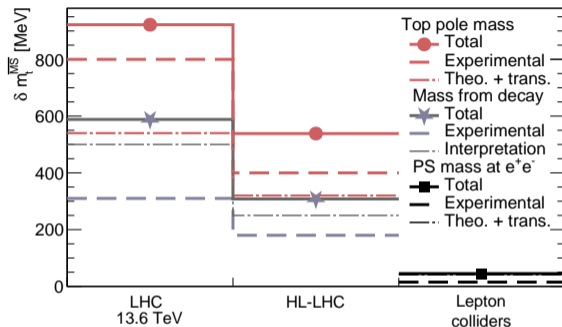
LC@CERN:
With double the luminosity get close to 10%

TOP PHYSICS

Top physics:

- Mass
- Decays that are not allowed (in the SM)
- Decays to things that do not exist (in the SM)
- Other deviations, like *CPV*

Sounds a bit like LHCb, but at the top





BEAM POLARISATION AT e^+e^- COLLIDERS

Case	Effects	Gain
SM:		
top threshold	Improvement of coupling measurement	factor 3
$t\bar{q}$	Limits for FCN top couplings reduced	factor 1.8
CPV in $t\bar{t}$	Azimuthal CP-odd asymmetries give access to S- and T-currents up to 10 TeV	$P_{e^-}^T P_{e^+}^T$ required
W^+W^-	Enhancement of $\frac{S}{B}, \frac{S}{\sqrt{B}}$	up to a factor 2
	TGC: error reduction of $\Delta\kappa_\gamma, \Delta\lambda_\gamma, \Delta\kappa_Z, \Delta\lambda_Z$	factor 1.8
	Specific TGC $\tilde{h}_+ = \text{Im}(g_1^R + \kappa^R)/\sqrt{2}$	$P_{e^-}^T P_{e^+}^T$ required
CPV in γZ	Anomalous TGC $\gamma\gamma Z, \gamma ZZ$	$P_{e^-}^T P_{e^+}^T$ required
HZ	Separation: $HZ \leftrightarrow H\bar{\nu}\nu$	factor 4 with RL
	Suppression of $B = W^+\ell^-\nu$	factor 1.7
Precision measurements of the Standard Model at GigaZ:		
Z-pole	Improvement of $\Delta \sin^2 \theta_W$	factor 5–10
	Constraints on CMSSM space	factor 5
CPV in $Z \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	Enhancement of sensitivity	factor 3

Linear colliders can have polarised beams (typically 80%), which improves sensitivity compared to unpolarised beams, due to chirality in SM and (likely) BSM.

ECFA HIGGS/EW/TOP FACTORY REPORT

350-page report due March 31. Draft on [\[CDS \(open to \$\mathcal{O}\(10^3\)\$ participants\)\]](#) .

DETECTOR DEVELOPMENT: Detector concepts (brief)

COMMON DEVELOPMENTS: was main aim of the study

HIGGS: Update of “Jorgen–Wouter” report [\[de Blas et al., arXiv:1905.03764\]](#)

EW AND QCD: W mass, two-fermion physics, Z , WW differential, fragmentation. . .

TOP: $t\bar{t}$ threshold, t couplings, exotic decays

SMEFT: fits of EW/ H /Top

BSM: Exotic scalars, LLPs, new gauge bosons, HNLs, SUSY, DM

FLAVOUR: V_{cb} and V_{cs} from W , V_{ts} from top

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Wachten op Godot

van Samuel Beckett

ILC



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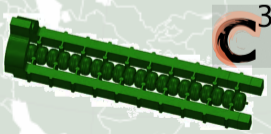
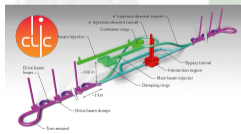
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Much more than shipping ILC to CERN



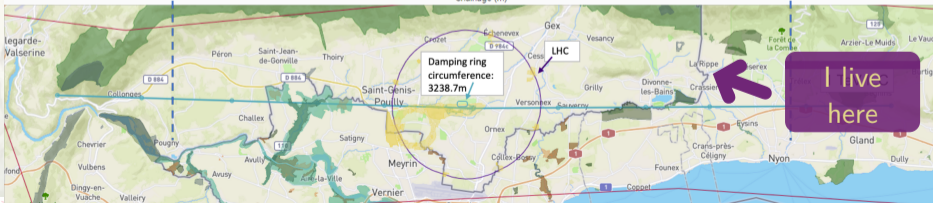
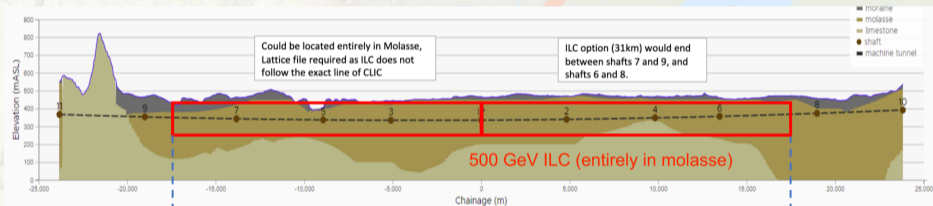
Many upgrade options, depending on physics needs and technology readiness.



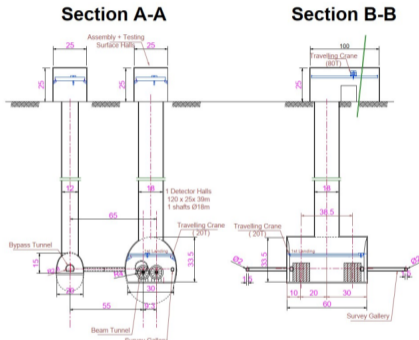
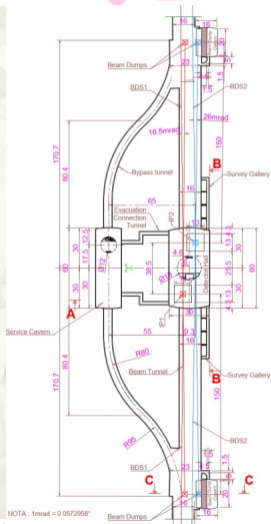
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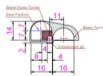
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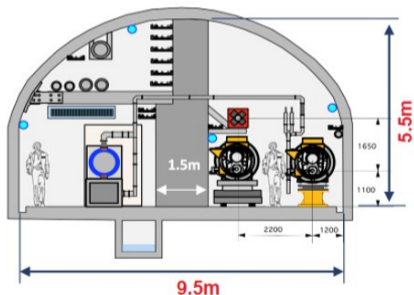


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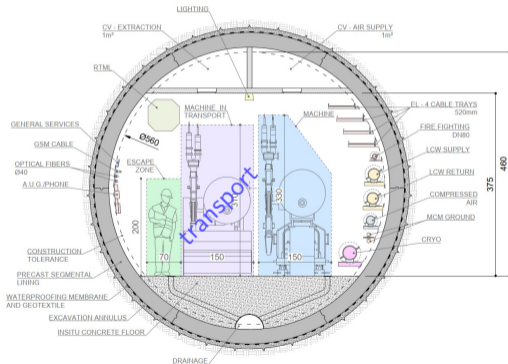
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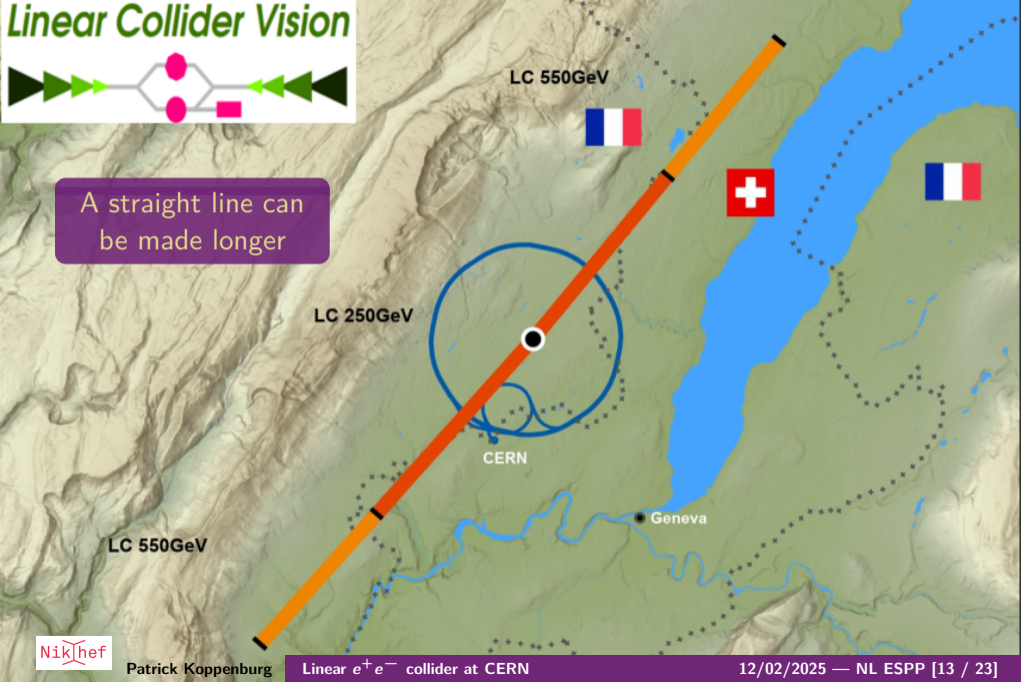
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A straight line can be made longer



1. LCF@CERN PARAMETERS

Linear Collider Vision



- a The main stages of the project and the key scientific goals of each
 - 250 GeV: H studies in $ZH \rightarrow$ Couplings to 2nd generation, Higgs width
 - 550 GeV: H self-coupling in ZHH , Top physics
- b Whether the ordering of stages is fixed or whether there is flexibility
 - \rightarrow Energy depends on installed cavities, so natural to increase 250 \rightarrow 550.
 - But one could start at 550 (\$!) and go down if needed. SCRF are flexible.
- c For each stage, the main technical parameters
 - 250 GeV: 5 years, 2 ab^{-1}
 - 550 GeV: 11 years, 4 ab^{-1} (short excursions to $t\bar{t}$ threshold)
- a The number of independent experimental activities and the number of scientists expected to be engaged in each.
 - ✓ Two detectors on different IPs \rightarrow Two collaborations
 - Beam dump possibilities, alike LUXE, SHiP ...

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- b) Flexible upgrade possibilities
 - CLIC OR C³ and get to 2 or 3 TeV
 - ERLC Energy recovery to increase the luminosity 100×
 - HALHF Will plasma be ready? → 10 TeV

It is important to be **flexible** as we do not know what will be found at 250–500 GeV, nor which technologies will be mature.

LCF@CERN: LENGTH OPTIONS

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	ILC-like	Upgrade	Upgrade 2	High- E	
Setup		SCRF		CLIC	C^3
Gradient	35 MV/m	50 MV/m		100 MV/m	120 MV/m
Tunnel	20.5 km				
Energy	250 GeV	380 GeV	550 GeV	1 TeV	1–2 TeV
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- Cheapest option is just this

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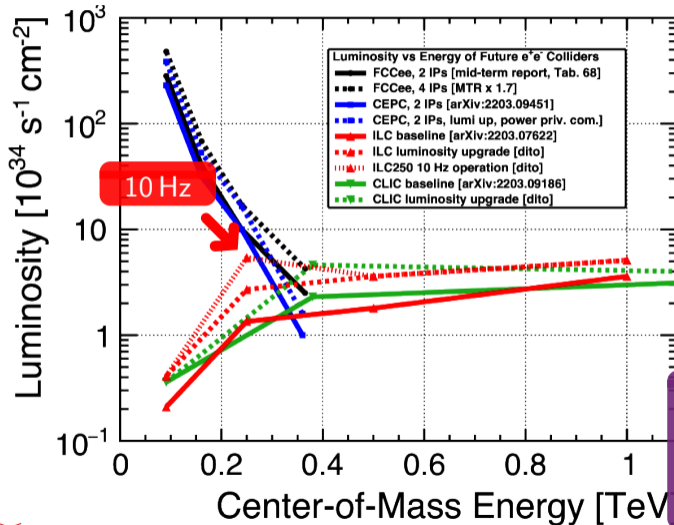
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Baseline to be defined:

- Baseline likely that: 33 km but run at 250–550 GeV.

LCF@CERN: LUMINOSITY

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ILC luminosity was capped by requirements on wall power use

2. LCF@CERN TIMELINE

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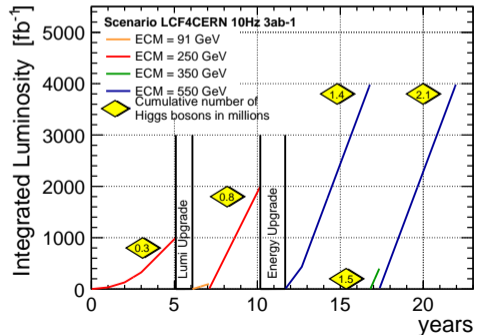


- Ⓐ The technically limited timeline for construction of each stage + scenario timelines

 - The ILC TDR dates from 2013 [TDR]. Timeline dominated by HL-LHC/budget, as FCC.
 - The local feasibility needs work. Aim to be ready for approval in < 5 years.

- Ⓑ The anticipated operational (running) time at each stage, and the expected operational duty cycle

 - There is flexibility
 - Could start at 550 GeV if CEPC covers region up to 350 GeV



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3. LCF@CERN RESOURCES

- a The capital cost of each stage in 2024 CHF
 - Being worked on.
- a Commentary on the basis-of-estimate of the resource requirements
 - ✓ Solid estimates for the Japanese proposal, converted to 2024 numbers: 6.8G\$+2.2G\$ (civil)
 - Expect about 10% lower numbers in CHF.
 - Being converted to CERN environment
 - ✓ Lab already there
 - ✗ different geology...

“For prices in Switzerland, we do not give out numbers yet, but it is a fair statement to say that the exchange rate of 1 US\$ = [0.9] CHF suggests that the expected price in swiss francs will be lower than in [\$] by about 10%, but that detailed studies for the CERN site have not been concluded.”

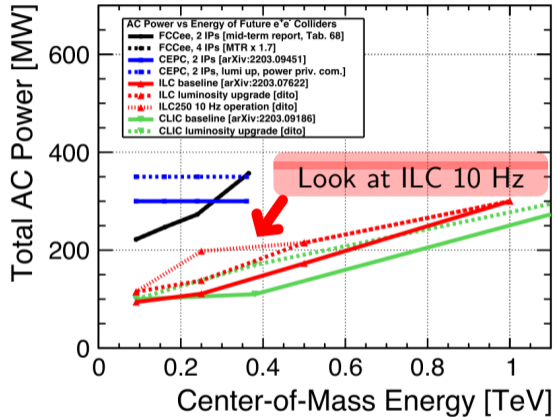
4. LCF@CERN SUSTAINABILITY

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- The peak (MW) and integrated (TWh) energy consumption during operation of each stage

- 200–220 MW, which gives 0.7 TWh/y
- ILC lumi was capped by requirements on wall power use



5. LCF@CERN KEY TECHNOLOGY

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- The key technologies needed for delivery that are still under development in 2024, and the targeted performance parameters of each development
 - All good (positron source essentially needs an engineer)

	FCc _{ee} /CEPC	ILC	HE ILC	CCC	HE CCC	CLIC	HE CLIC	CERC	ReLiC	HE ReLiC	ERLC	XCC	LHeC/FCc _{eh}
RF Systems													
Cryomodules													
HOM detuning/damp													
High energy ERL													
Positron source													
Arc&booster magnets													
Inj./extr. kickers													
Two-beam acceleration													
Damping rings													
Emitt. preservation													
IP spot size/stability													
High power XFEL													
e ⁻ bunch compression													
High brightness e ⁻ gun													
IR SR and asymm.quads													

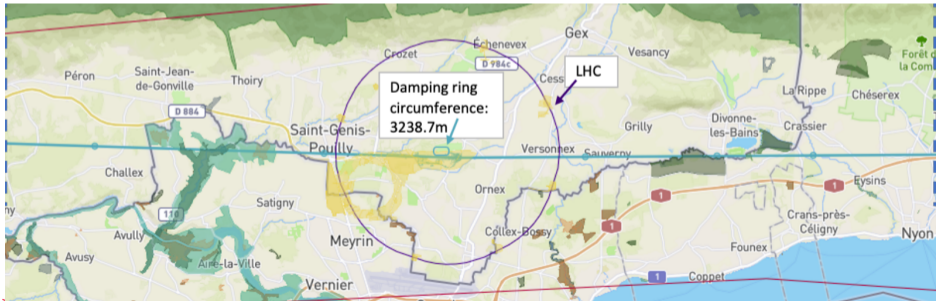
[Roser et al., JINST 18 (2023) P05018, arXiv:2208.06030]

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6. LCF@CERN DEPENDENCIES



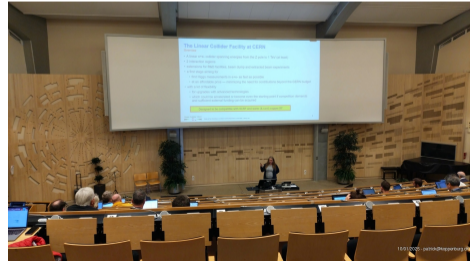
- a Whether a specific host site is foreseen, or whether options are available
 - Topic of this talk: CERN. But no requirement on CERN's accelerator complex.
- b The dependencies on existing or required infrastructure
- c The technical effects of project execution on the operations of existing infrastructures at the host site



7. LCF@CERN STATUS



- a A concise description of the current design / R&D / simulation activities leading to the project, and the community pursuing these
 - There is a large linear collider community. LCF@CERN is just starting. Already 77 institutes involved (incl Nikhef) [sign]
 - Workshop at CERN in January with 150 people (60 in room) [indico]
- b Any other key technical information points in addition to those captured above, including references to additional public documents addressing the points above.
 - Workshop slides [indico]



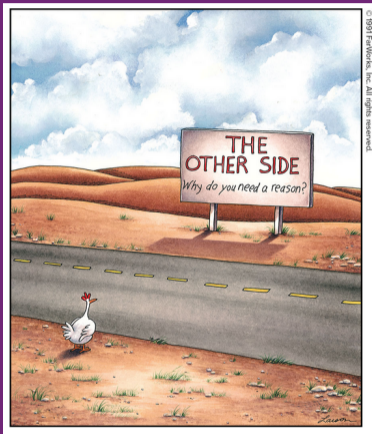
Conclusion

CERN should study the feasibility of a linear e^+e^- collider reaching energies up to 550 GeV to be operated after the LHC.

CERN should support R&D for future potential upgrades of such a collider, while being open to other options as demanded by physics and technological breakthroughs.

Now changing hats:

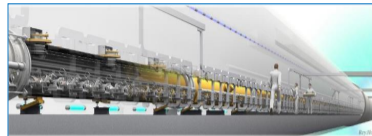
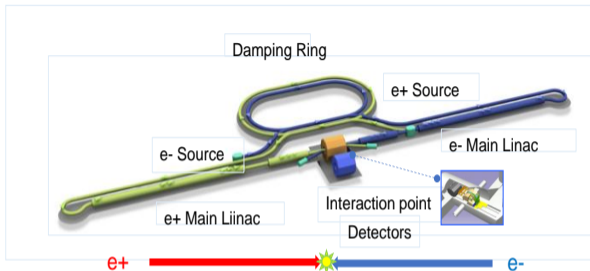
Long-term sustainability should be a guiding principle for the next large experimental facility and supported by international agreements.



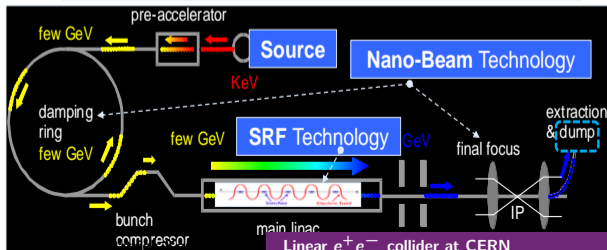
Backup

ILC and the Accelerator Technology

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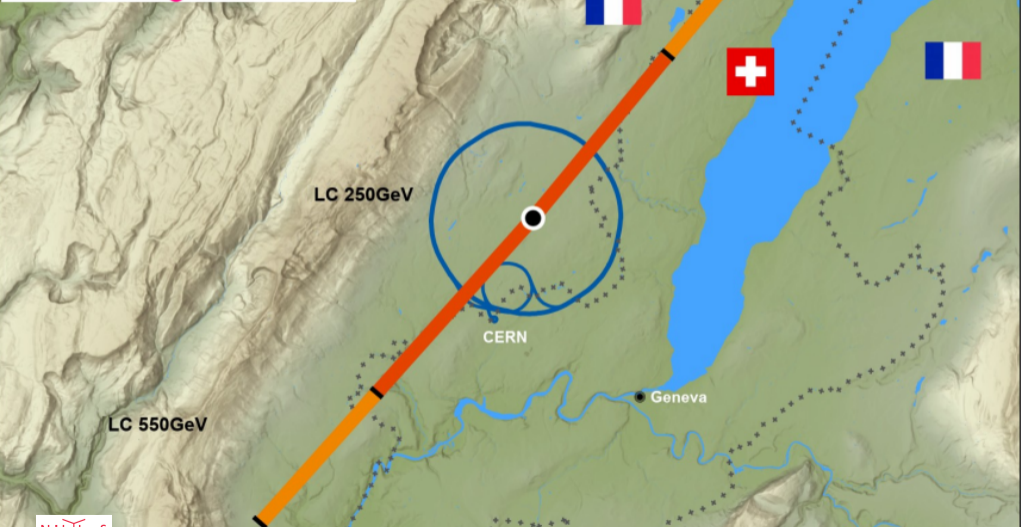


TDR was published in 2013 and SRF technology became matured by large-SRF accelerators (European XFEL, LCLS-II etc.).



Parameters	Value
Beam Energy	125 + 125 GeV
Luminosity	1.35 / 2.7 x 10 ³⁴ cm ² /s
Beam rep. rate	5 Hz
Pulse duration	0.73 / 0.961 ms
# bunch / pulse	1312 / 2625
Beam Current	5.8 / 8.8 mA
Beam size (y) at FF	7.7 nm
SRF Field gradient	< 31.5 > MV/m (+/-20%) Q ₀ = 1x10 ¹⁰
#SRF 9-cell cavities (CM)	~ 8,000 (~ 900)

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LC 250GeV

LC 550GeV

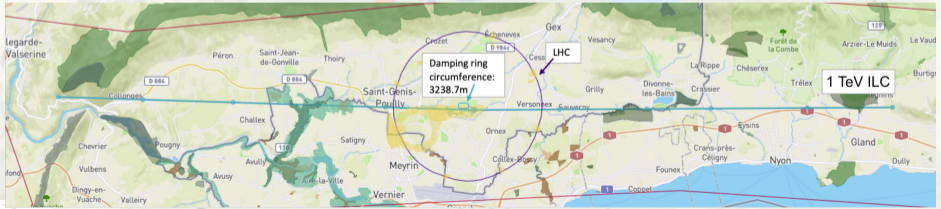
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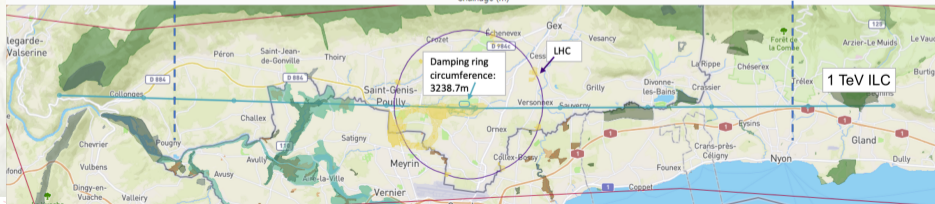
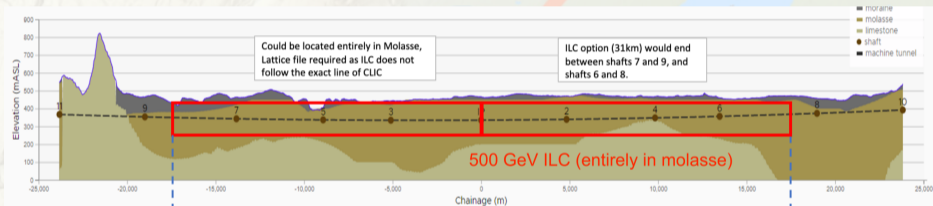
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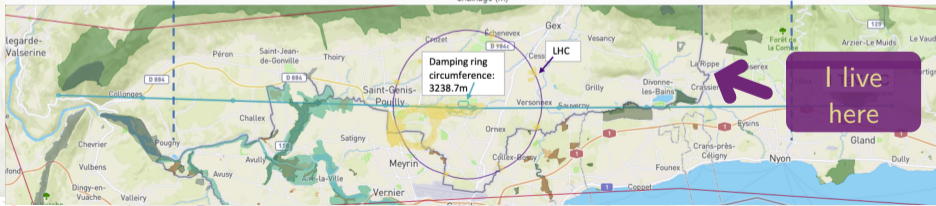
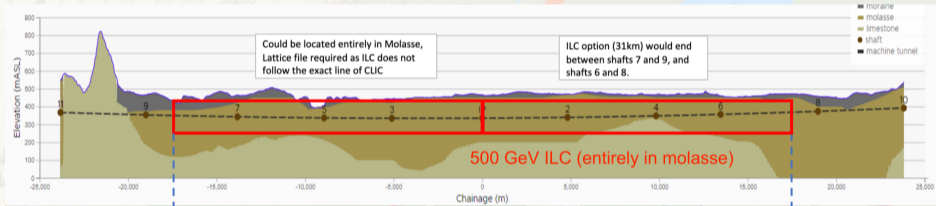


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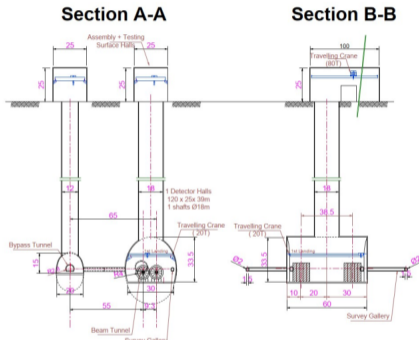
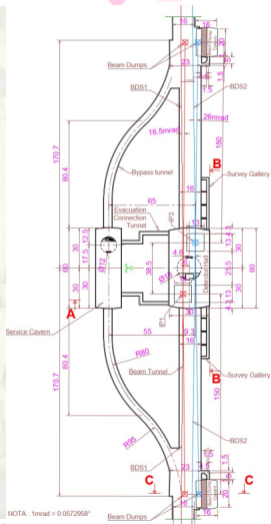




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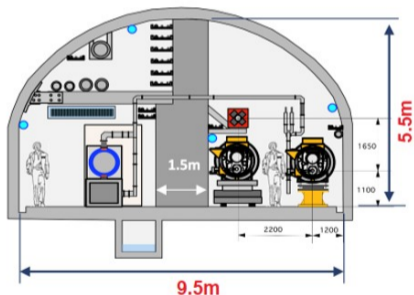


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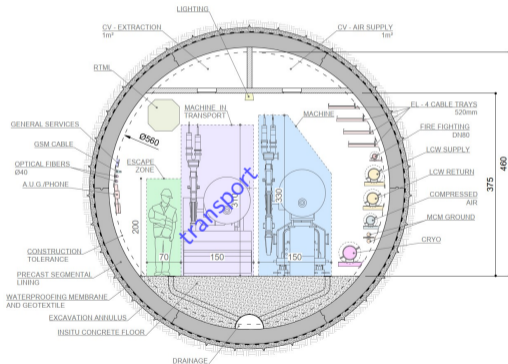
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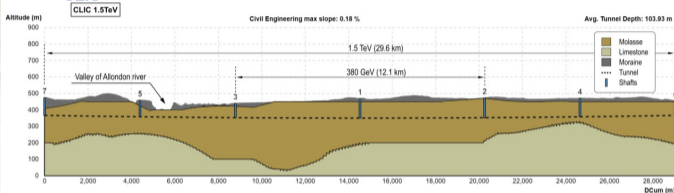
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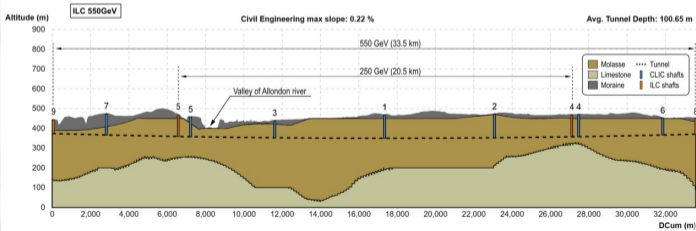
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Geological Profile

• CLIC



• ILC



- Ongoing Geographical study to optimise and share common shaft locations between CLIC and ILC.
- CLIC is symmetrical either side of the interaction region.
- ILC is not symmetrical either side of the interaction region.
- Shafts at 4&5 for both studies will be unified.
- It is easier to adapt the CLIC shafts to the ILC design due to the Cryo design constraints of the ILC.

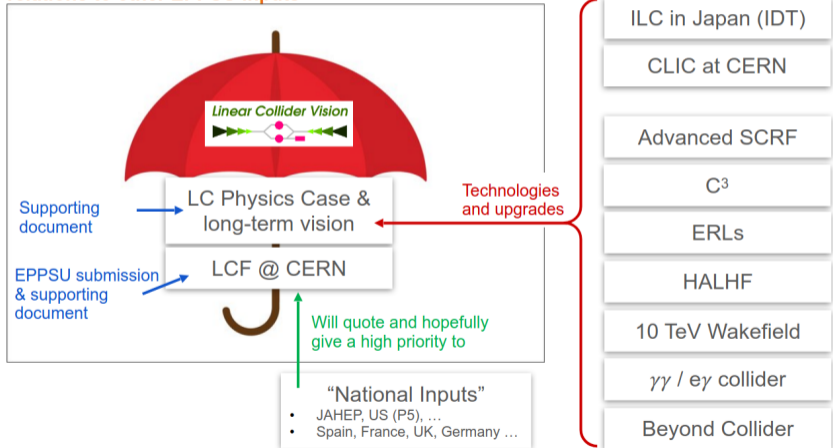
LCVISION: DOCUMENTS

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LC Vision Documents

and their relations to other EPPSU inputs



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WW PHYSICS

With WW pairs one can measure

THE W mass ($0.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ with a threshold scan)

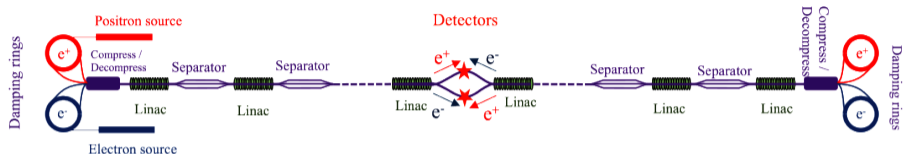
$W \rightarrow l\nu$ BFs to 10^{-4}

CKM MATRIX ELEMENTS notably V_{cb}

WW DIFFERENTIAL MEASUREMENTS useful for SMEFT

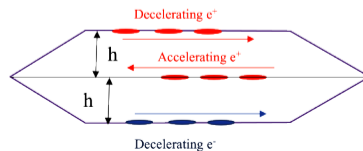
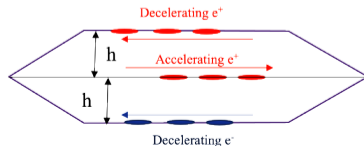
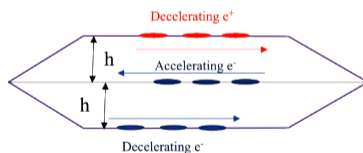
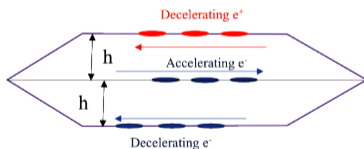
FRAGMENTATION FUNCTIONS relevant for H^0 and top physics

RELiC — RECYCLING LINEAR COLLIDER

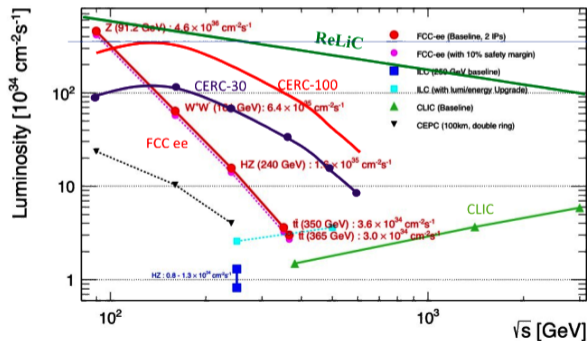
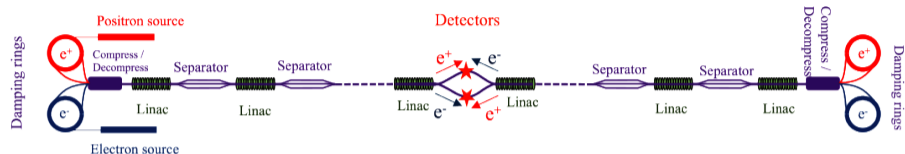


Left linac

Right linac



RELiC — RECYCLING LINEAR COLLIDER



“Needless to say, a detailed technical validation of this concept is needed.”

ECFA HIGGS/EW/TOP FACTORY REPORT

350-page report due March 31. Draft on [\[CDS \(open to \$\mathcal{O}\(10^3\)\$ participants\)\]](#) .

DETECTOR DEVELOPMENT: Detector concepts (brief)

COMMON DEVELOPMENTS: was main aim of the study

HIGGS: Update of “Jorgen–Wouter” report [\[de Blas et al., arXiv:1905.03764\]](#)

EW AND QCD: W mass, two-fermion physics, Z , WW differential, fragmentation. . .

TOP: $t\bar{t}$ threshold, t couplings, exotic decays

SMEFT: fits of EW/ H /Top, Tera- Z

BSM: Exotic scalars, LLPs, new gauge bosons, HNLs, SUSY, DM

FLAVOUR: V_{cb} and V_{cs} from W , V_{ts} from top, V_{cb} from B_c^+ , , rare b decays, precision τ physics

LINEAR e^+e^- COLLIDER AT CERN: MY TAKE

- 1 A linear collider can be upgraded step-by-step, depending on available technologies and physics priorities
 - We do not need to, and should not, plan for the next 80 years
- 2 Lower luminosity than FCC below 200 GeV, but larger energy reach.
 - Either way it's a bet on the future

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