

# The FCC program

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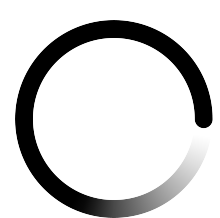
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### Disclaimer

To prepare these slides I used content from many friends and colleagues, whom I wholeheartedly wish to thank.  
Any mistake or misinterpretation is entirely my fault!



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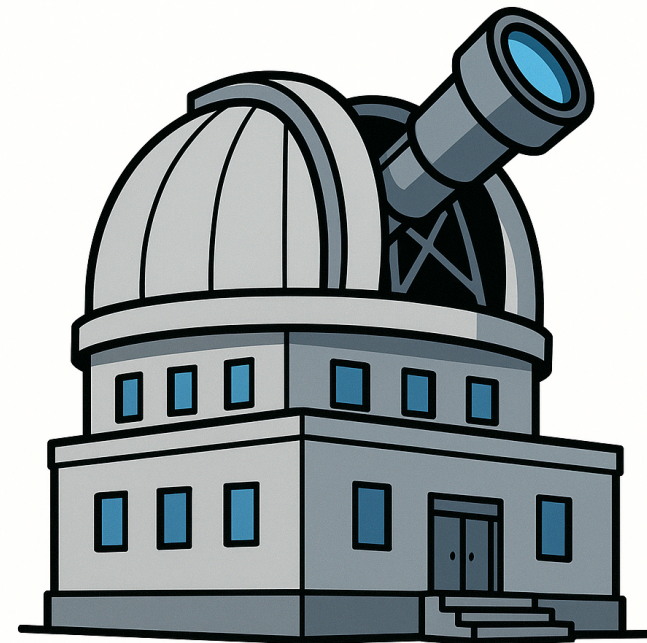
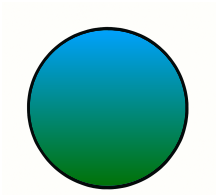
Imagine one day we are ready to seek out new life and civilizations,  
and dare to go where no one has gone before...

What would be your strategy?

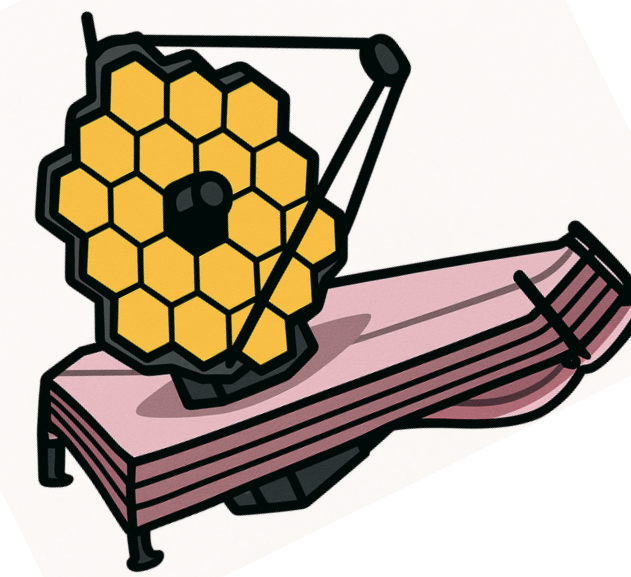
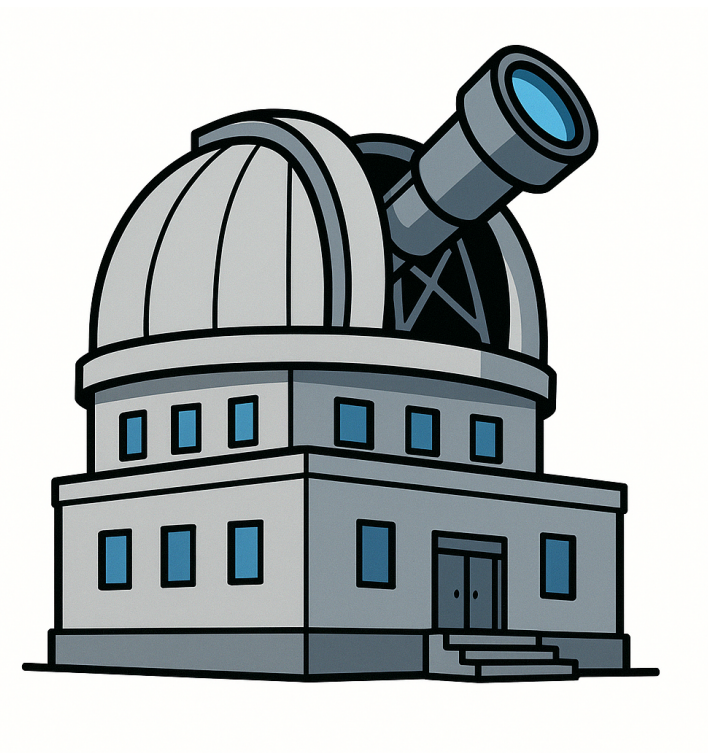
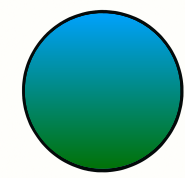






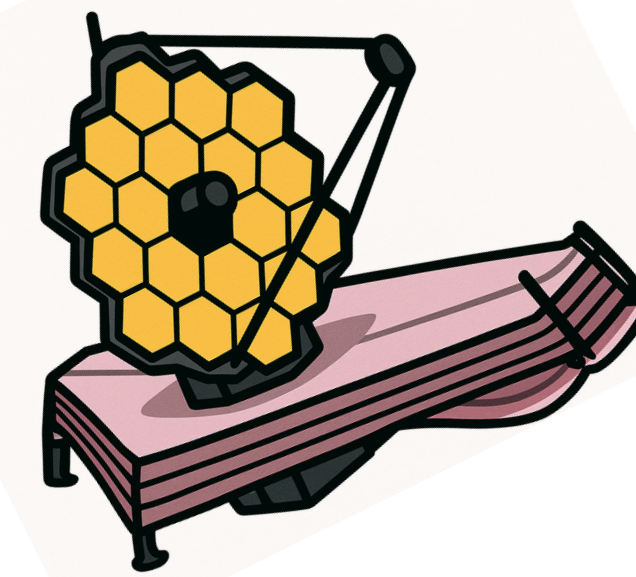
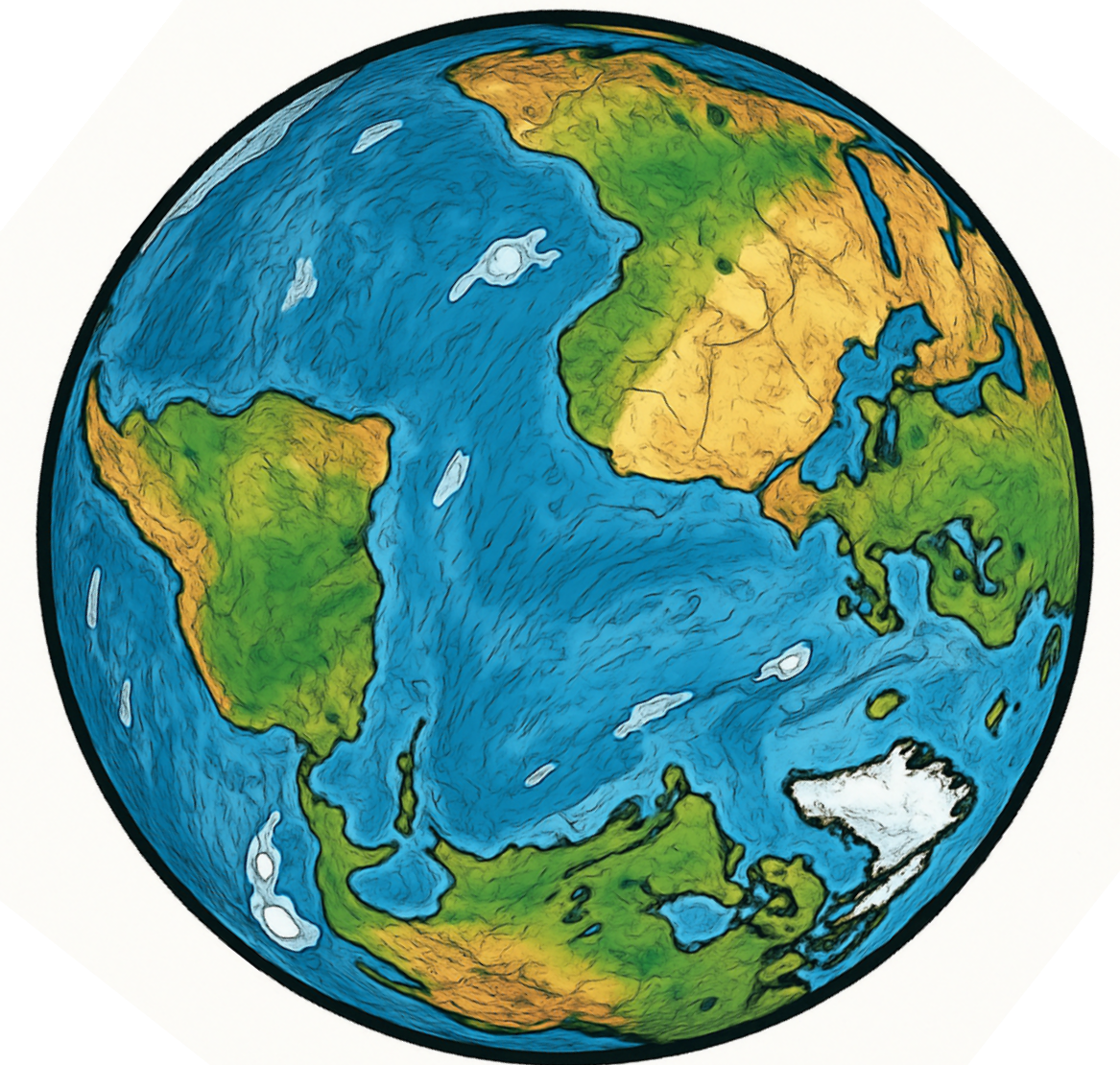
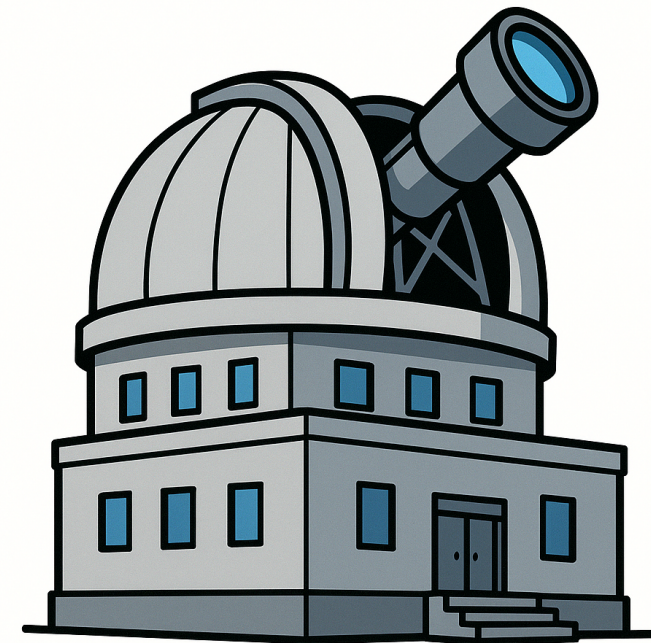
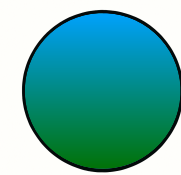






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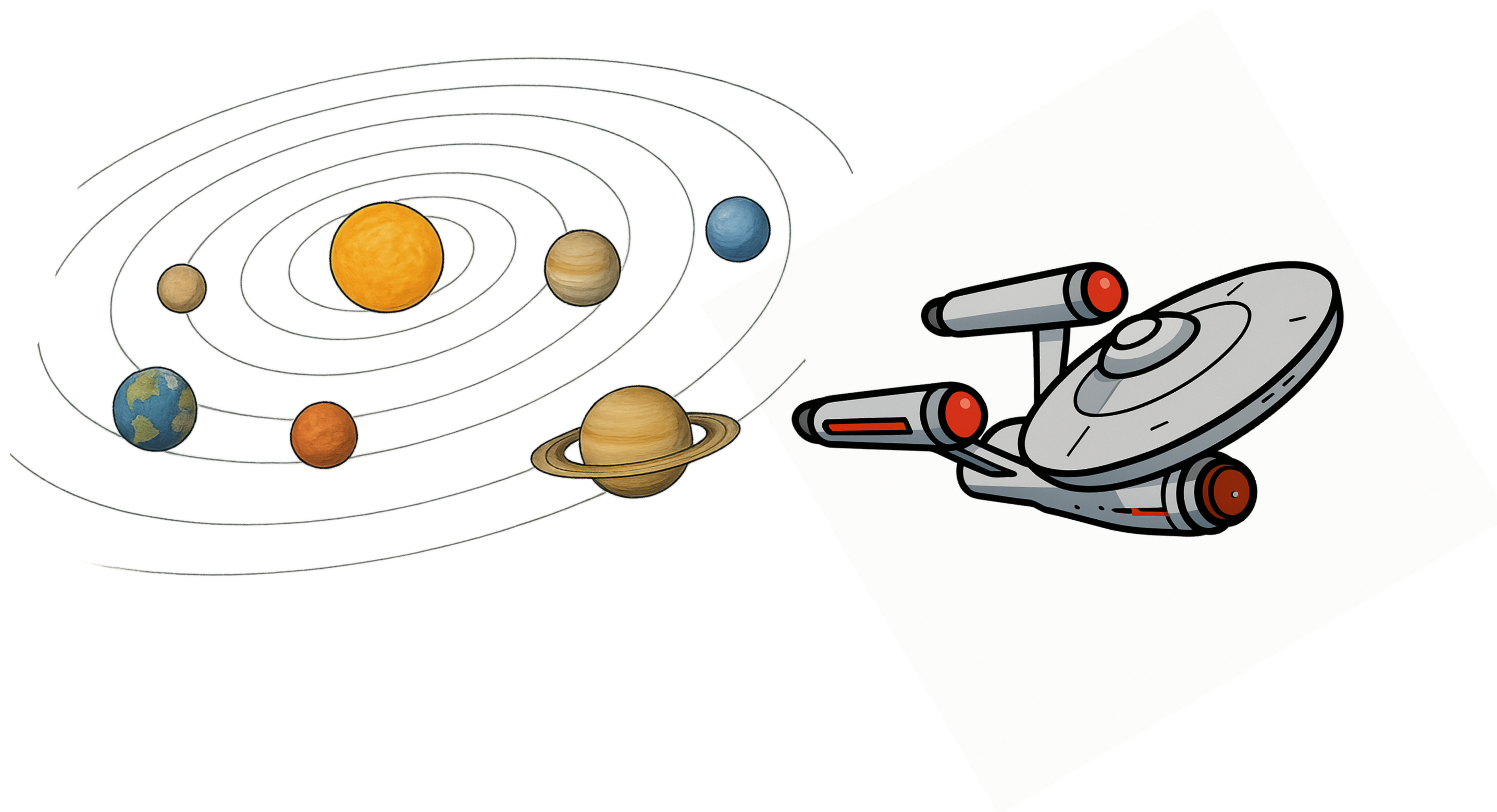




Build telescopes with better and better resolution to make the observations and identify the best candidates for life and civilizations...

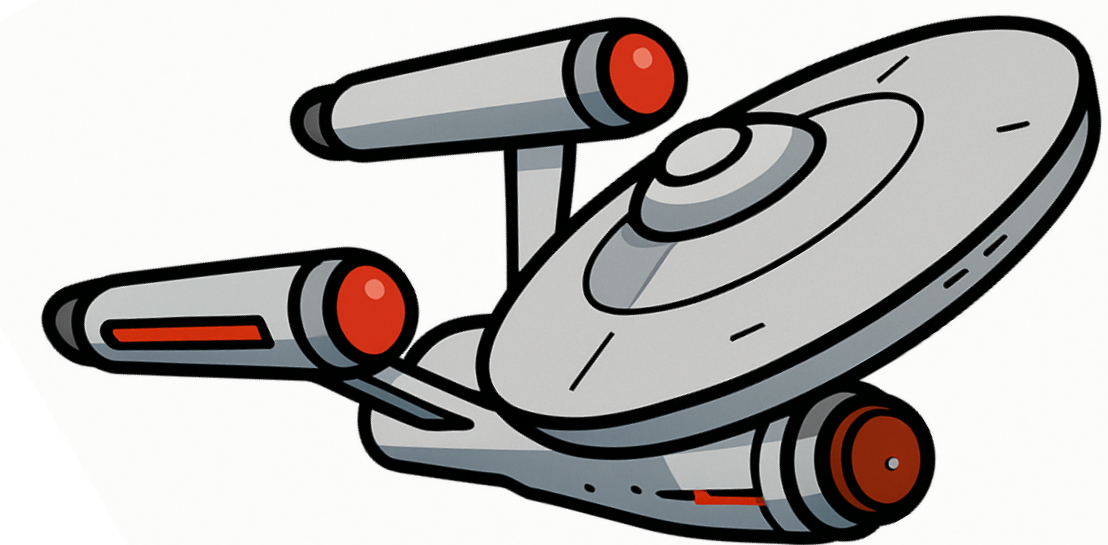
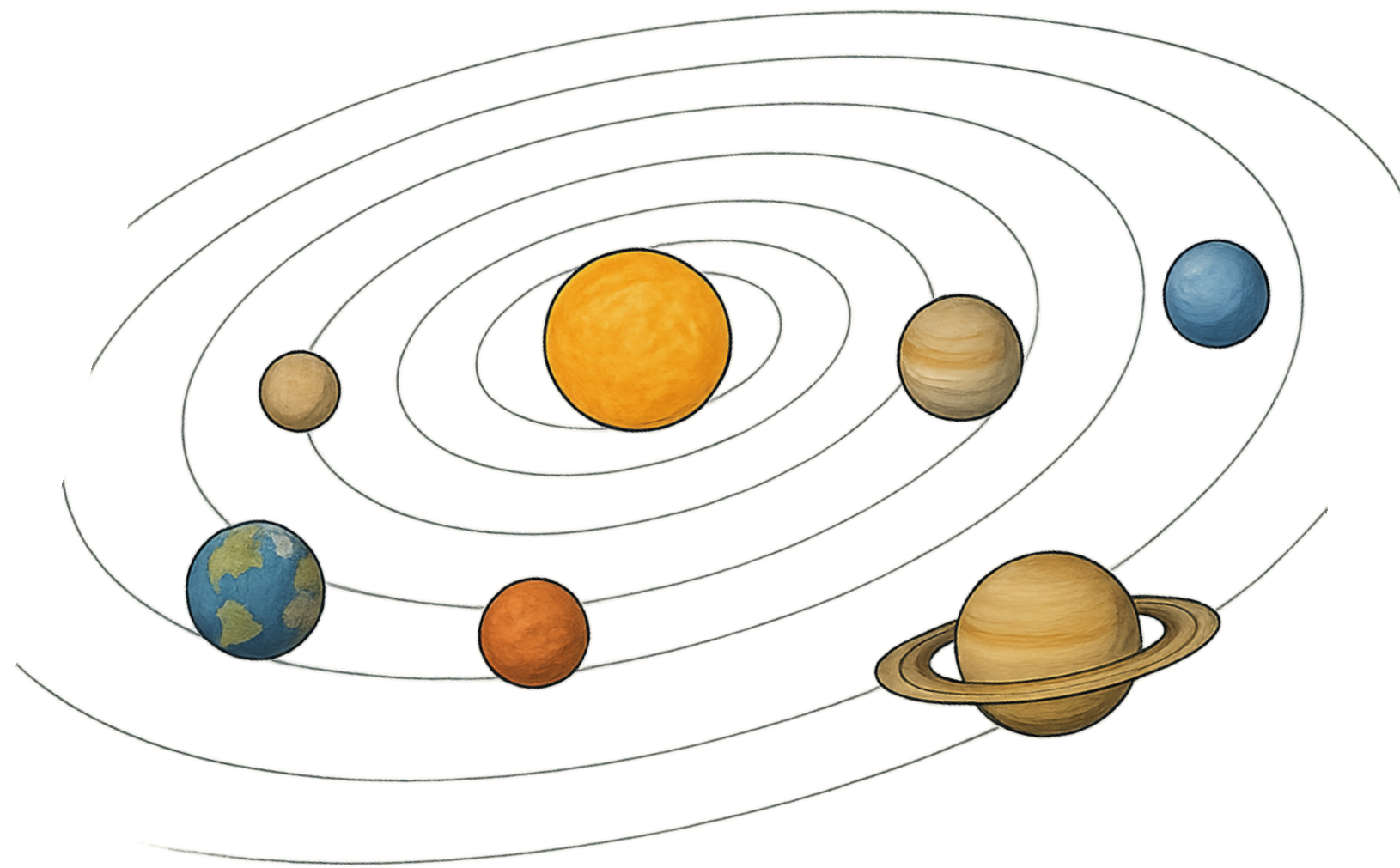
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Develop new technologies to allow space travel and then.... go there!

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## We are in an interesting situation

- No experimental hint to the origin of these observed phenomena
- No clear theoretical hint to indicate the best direction to go

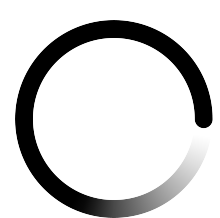
We have no clear energy scale for new physics  
We don't know its coupling strength to the SM particles

- **Next facility must be versatile**
  - With a reach as broad as possible

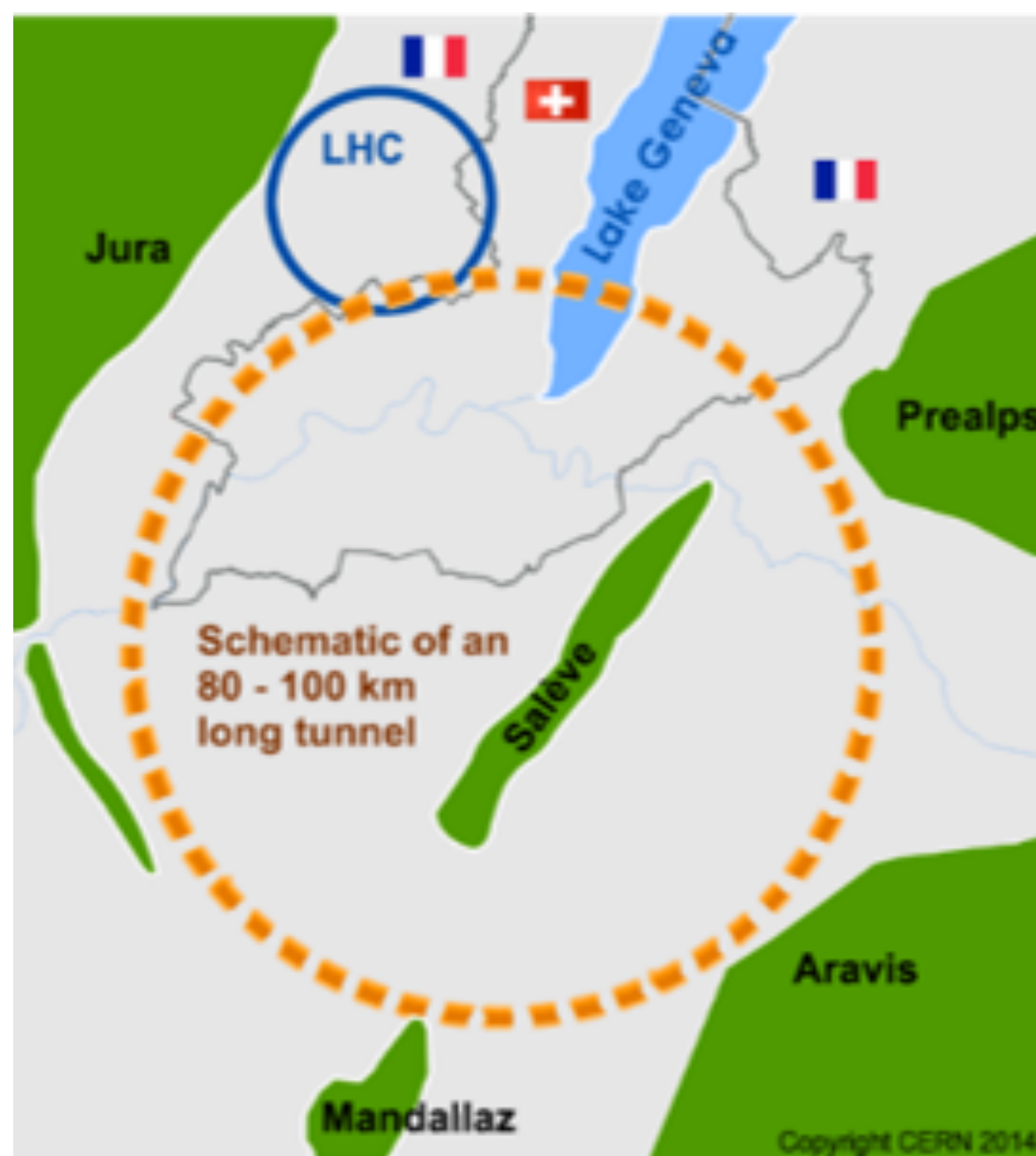
**More Sensitivity, more Precision, more ENERGY**

- A high precision, high intensity lepton collider, later followed by a high energy hadron collider offers the **best** solution

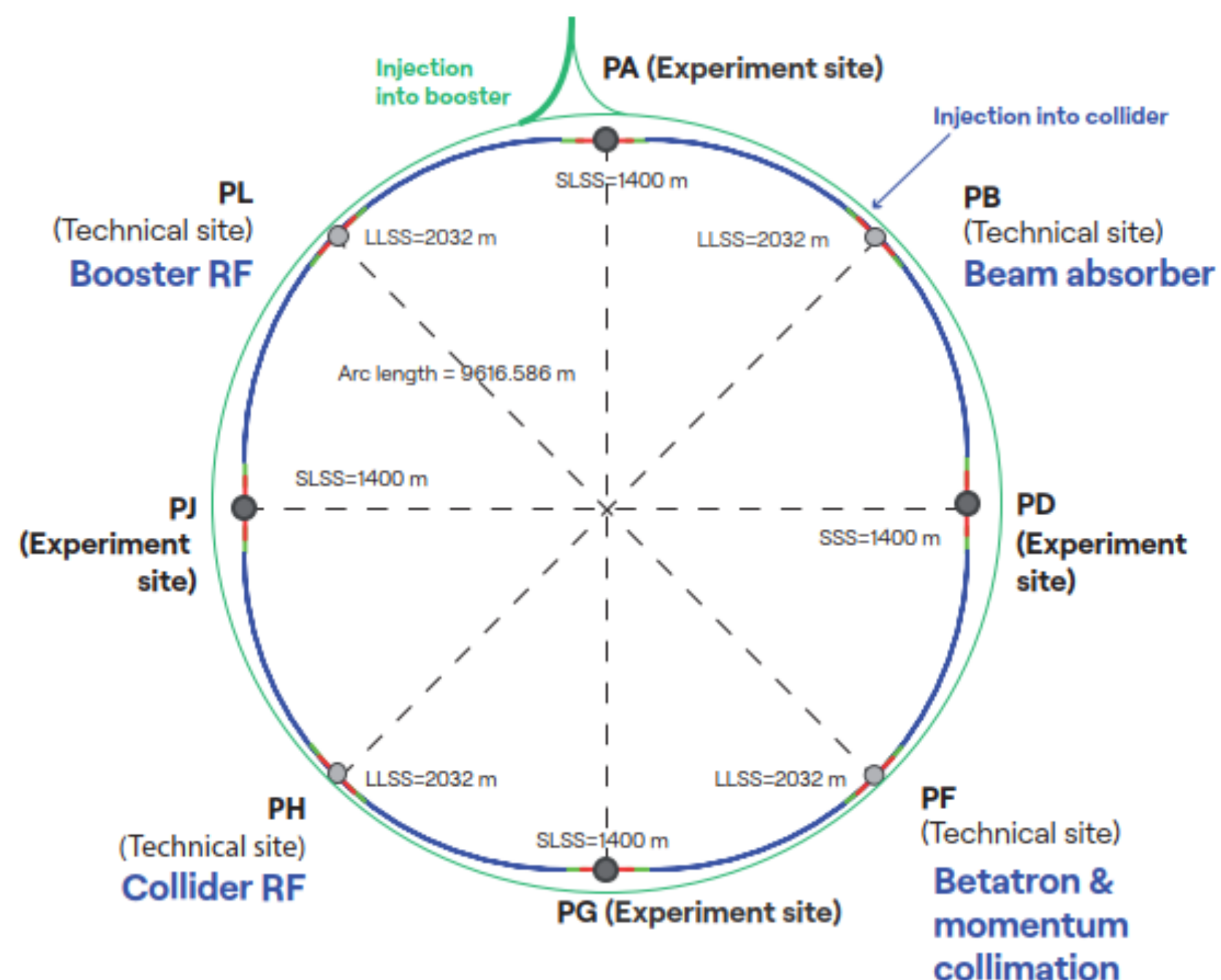




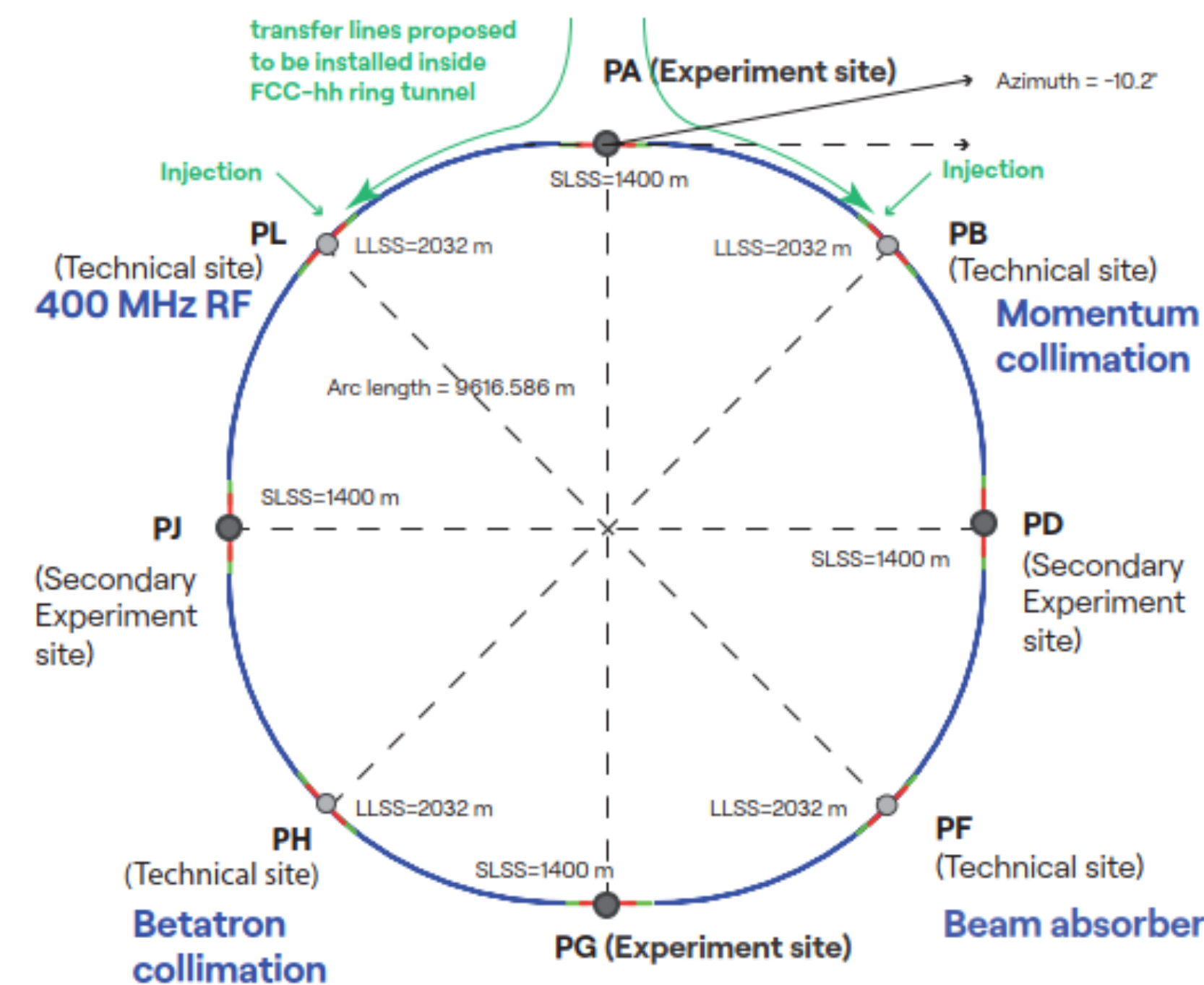
- stage 1: FCC-ee (Z, W, H,  $t\bar{t}$ ) as Higgs factory, electroweak & top factory at highest luminosities
- stage 2: FCC-hh (~100 TeV) as natural continuation at energy frontier, pp & AA collisions; e-h option
- common civil engineering and technical infrastructures, building on and reusing CERN's existing infrastructure
- FCC integrated project allows the start of a new, major facility at CERN within few years of the end of HL-LHC exploitation



2020 - 2045

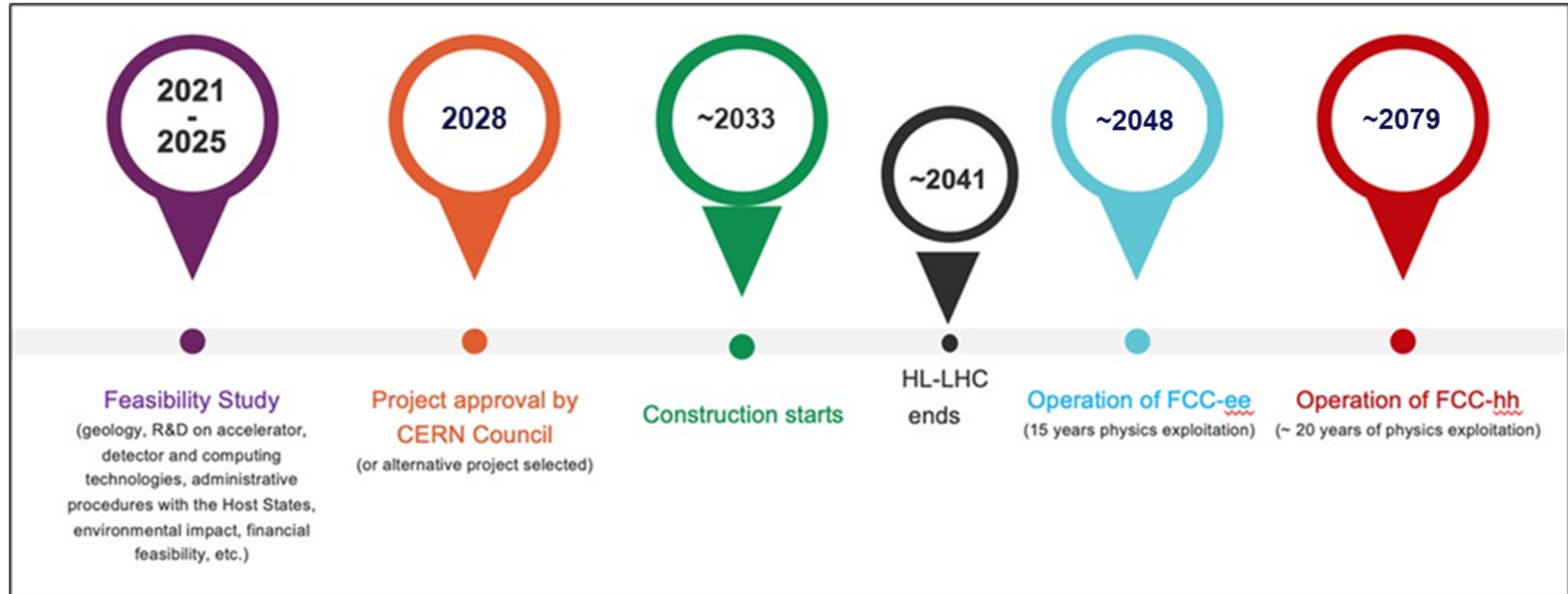


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## Ambitious schedule taking into account:

- ☐ past experience in building colliders at CERN
- ☐ approval timeline: ESPP, Council decision
- ☐ that HL-LHC will run until 2041
- ☐ constraints imposed by present assumptions in funding model
- ☐ project preparatory phase with adequate resources immediately after Feasibility Study

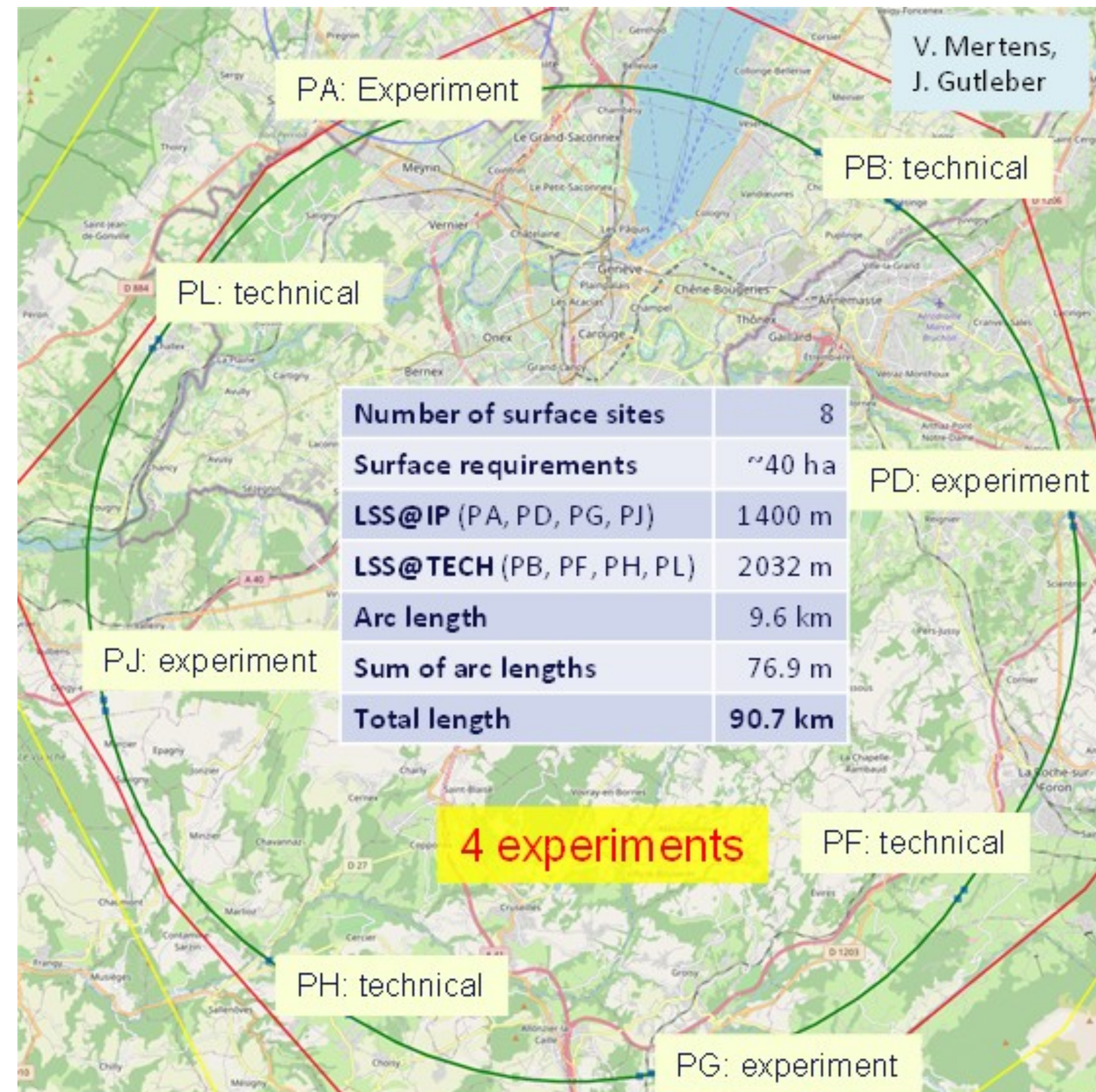


Layout chosen out of ~ 100 initial variants, based on several criterias:

- **geology,**
- **surface constraints** (land availability, urbanistic, etc.),
- **environment,** (protected zones),
- **infrastructure** (electricity, transport),
- **machine performance**

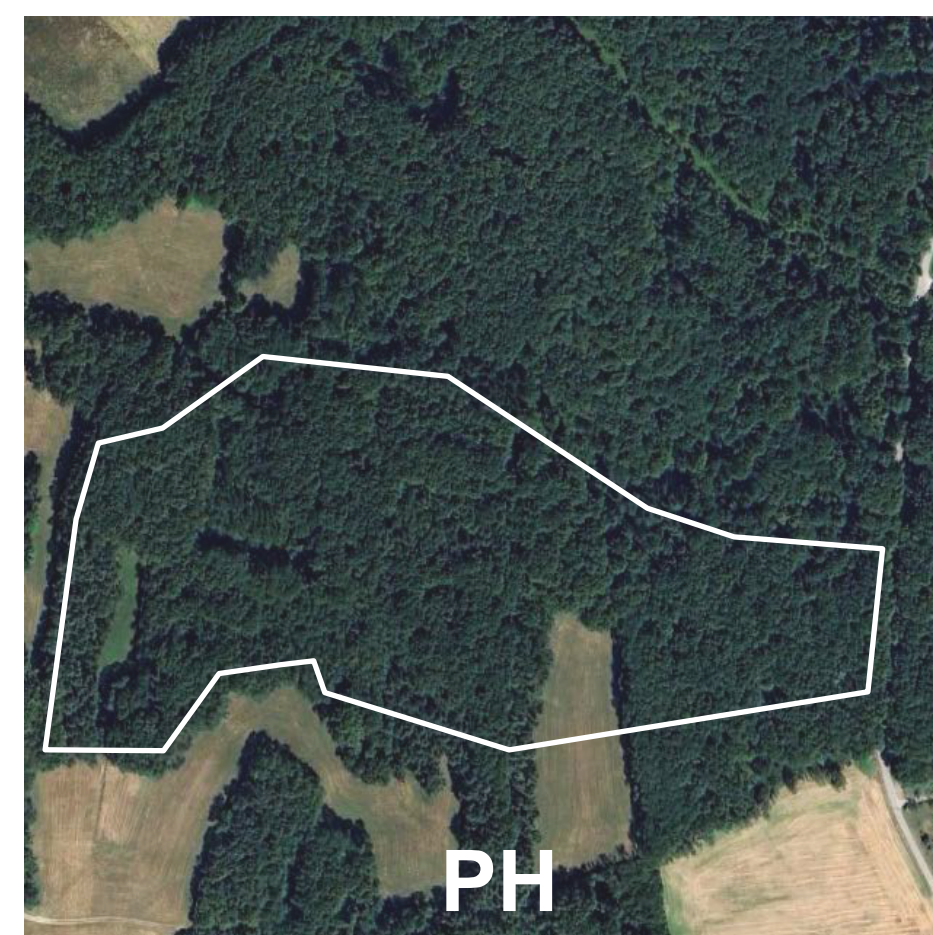
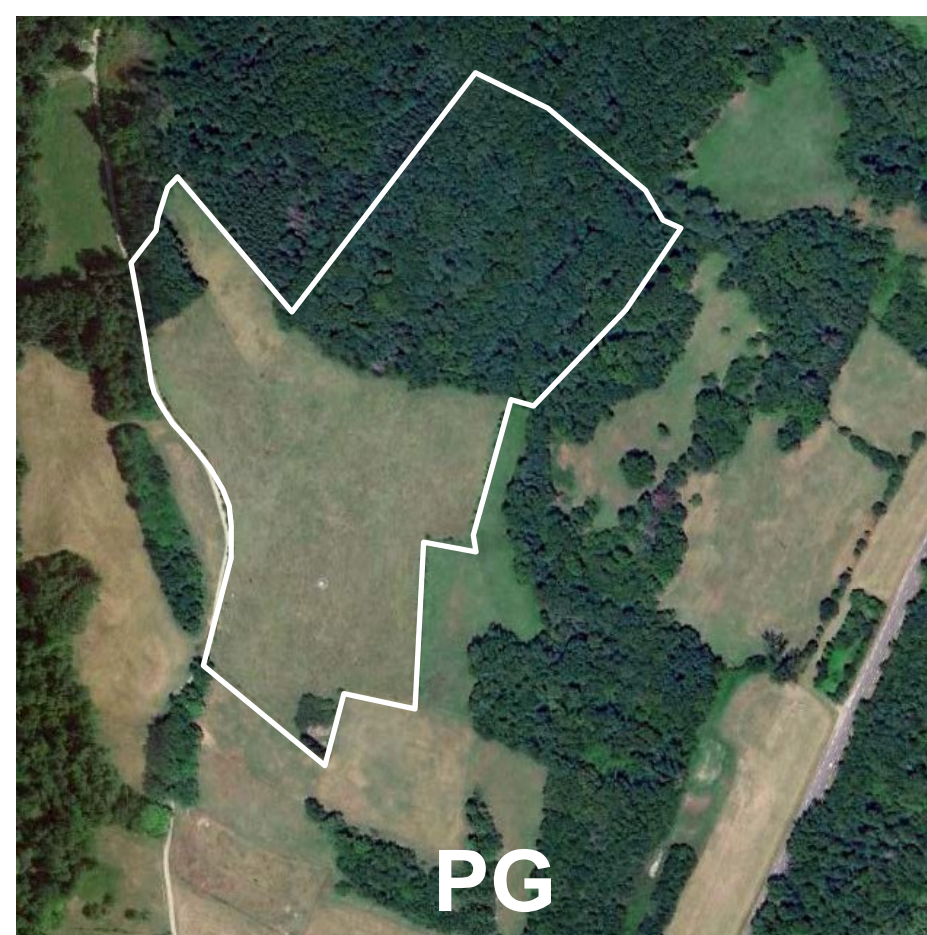
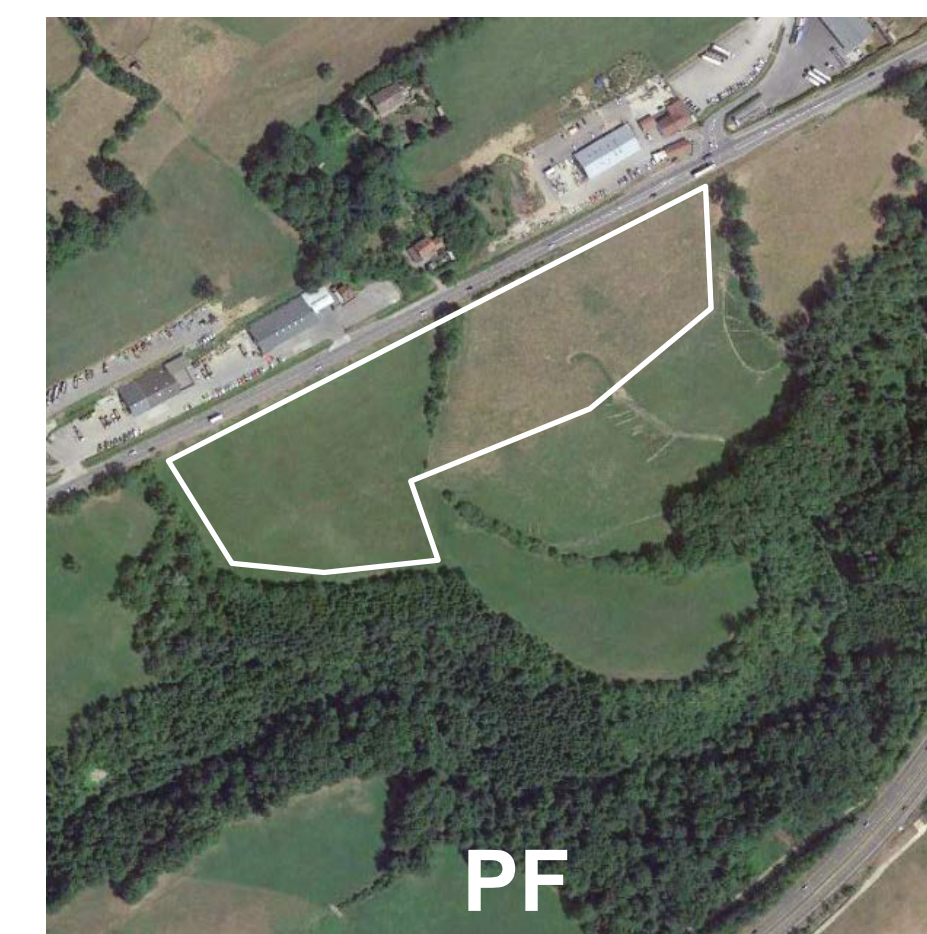
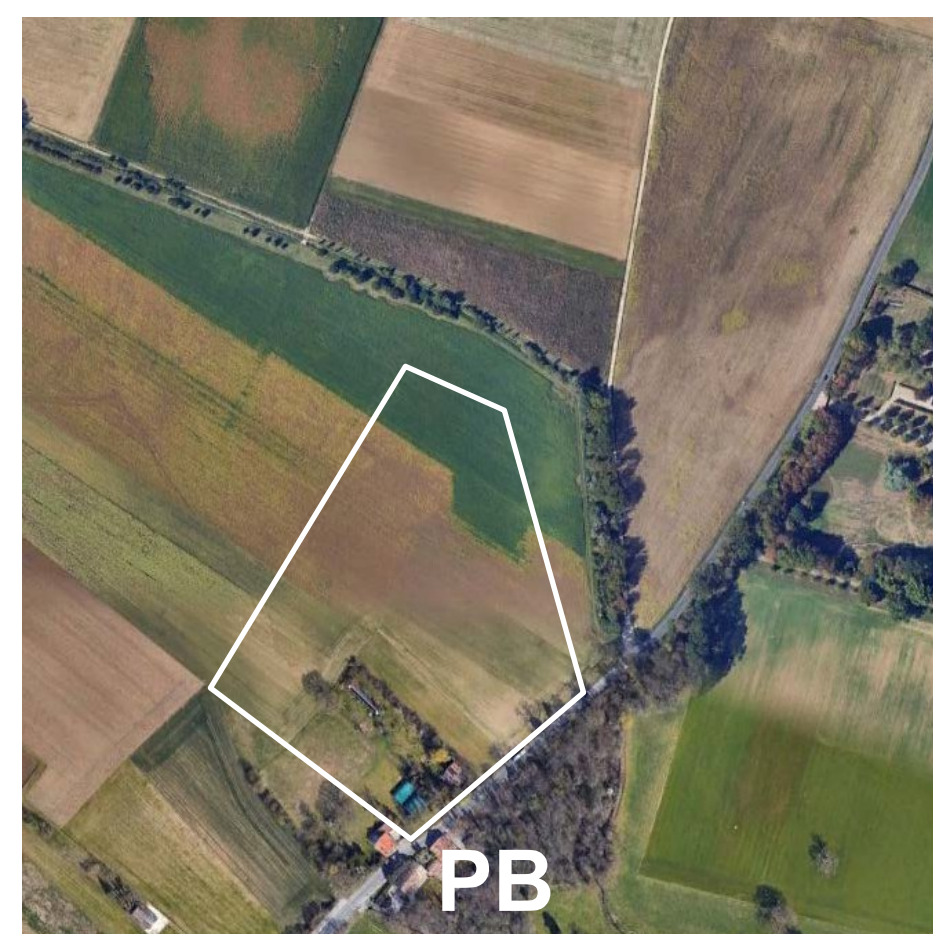
**“Avoid-reduce-compensate”** principle of EU and French regulations.

**Overall lowest-risk baseline:  
90.7 km ring, 8 surface points,  
4-fold symmetry**





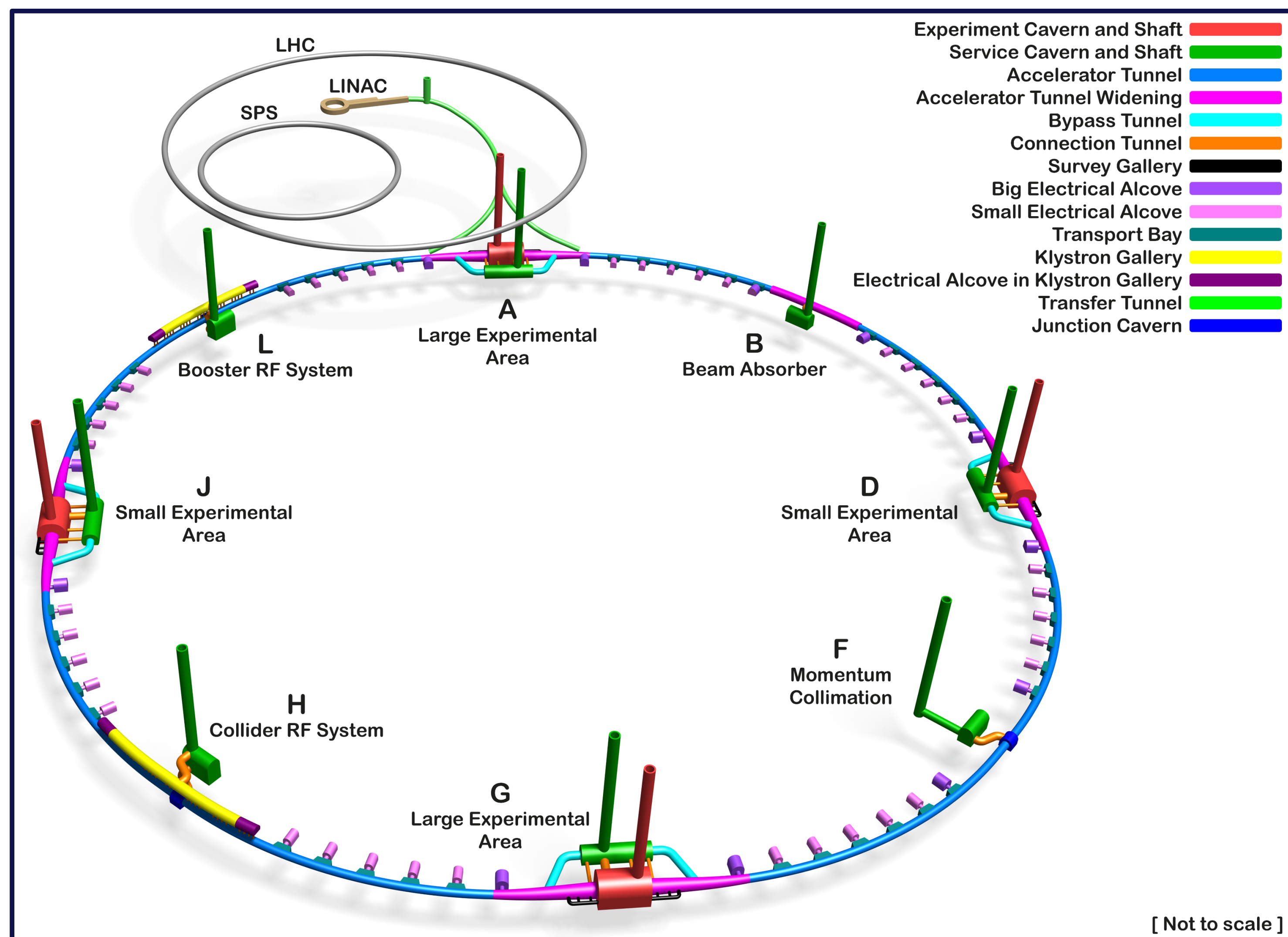
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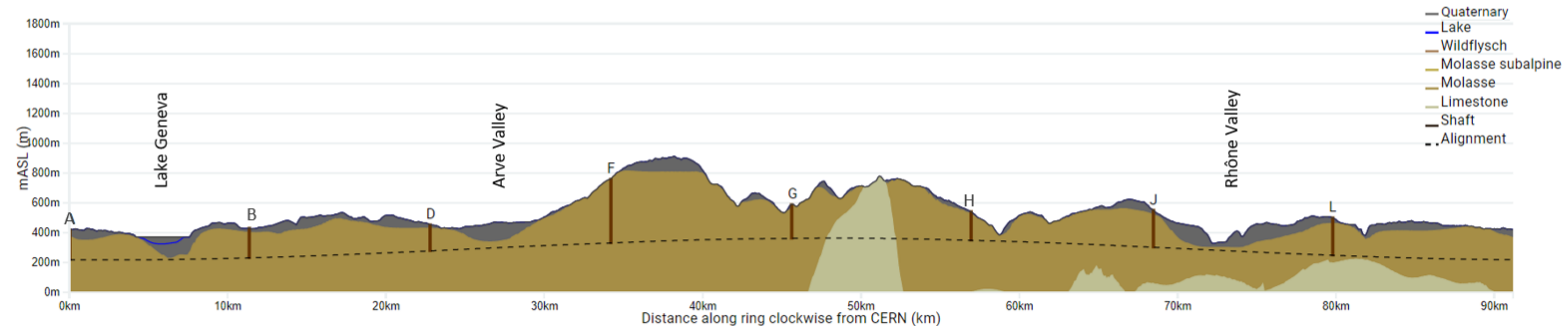
- land plot needs communicated to Host States,
- process in FR: «prise en consideration», landplot in CH owned by Canton of Geneva



- Tunnel Circumference: 90.7 km
- Excavated vol: 6.25M m<sup>3</sup> (*in-situ* volume)
- Access shafts: 12
- Construction shafts: 1
- Large experiment sites: 2
- Small experiment sites: 2
- Technical sites: 4
- Deepest shaft: 400m
- Average shaft depth: 243m
- Total concrete volume: 2 M m<sup>3</sup>



Schematic of FCC-ee Baseline Underground Civil Engineering



**Tunnelling mainly in molasse layer (soft rock), well suited for fast, low-risk TBM construction.**

**6 million m<sup>3</sup> excavated volume → 8.5 million m<sup>3</sup> excavation material on surface**

**CE Designs of all underground structures developed**

**Average shaft depths ~240 m**

**To fix the vertical position of the tunnel, interfaces between geological layers have to be known**



## South-western work package SGS3

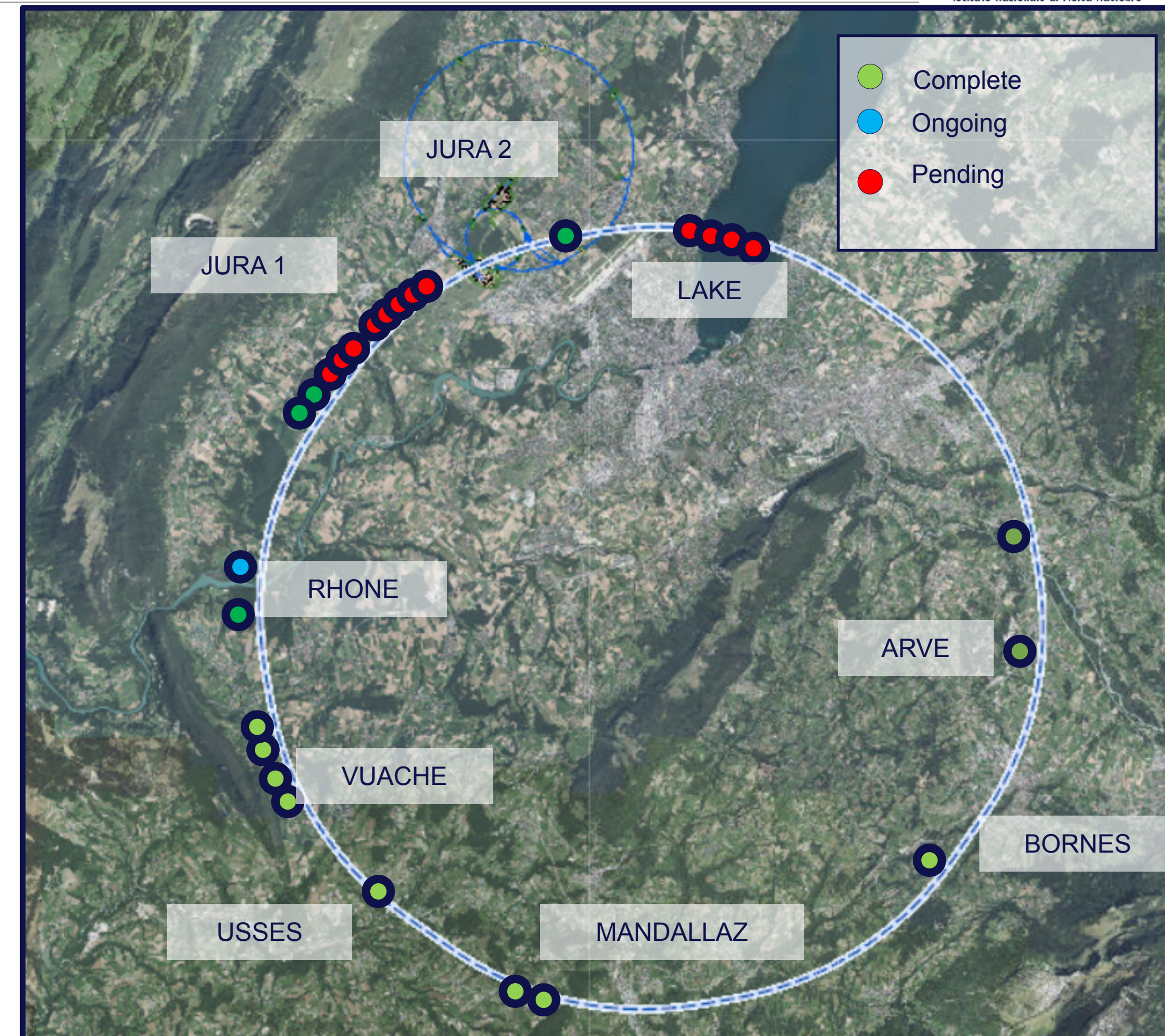
- Works began in October 2024
- Geophysics acquisition complete and interpretation ongoing
- Drilling activities complete for all 10 boreholes
- Testing complete and report preparation ongoing

## North-eastern work package GEOTEC-IOI

- Works began in France in April 2025
- Two boreholes completed and one ongoing
- Geophysics 25% complete
- 4 lake drillings starting and permits for last 8 boreholes imminent.

## Preliminary results

- Results to date do not indicate any deviation from the baseline assumptions made for the rock conditions and the location of the moraine/molasse interface and molasse/limestone interface being as expected or more favourable.
- The length of tunnel in the Mandallaz limestone is now expected to be close to 3 km compared to 5 km as assumed prior to the phase 1 site investigation.



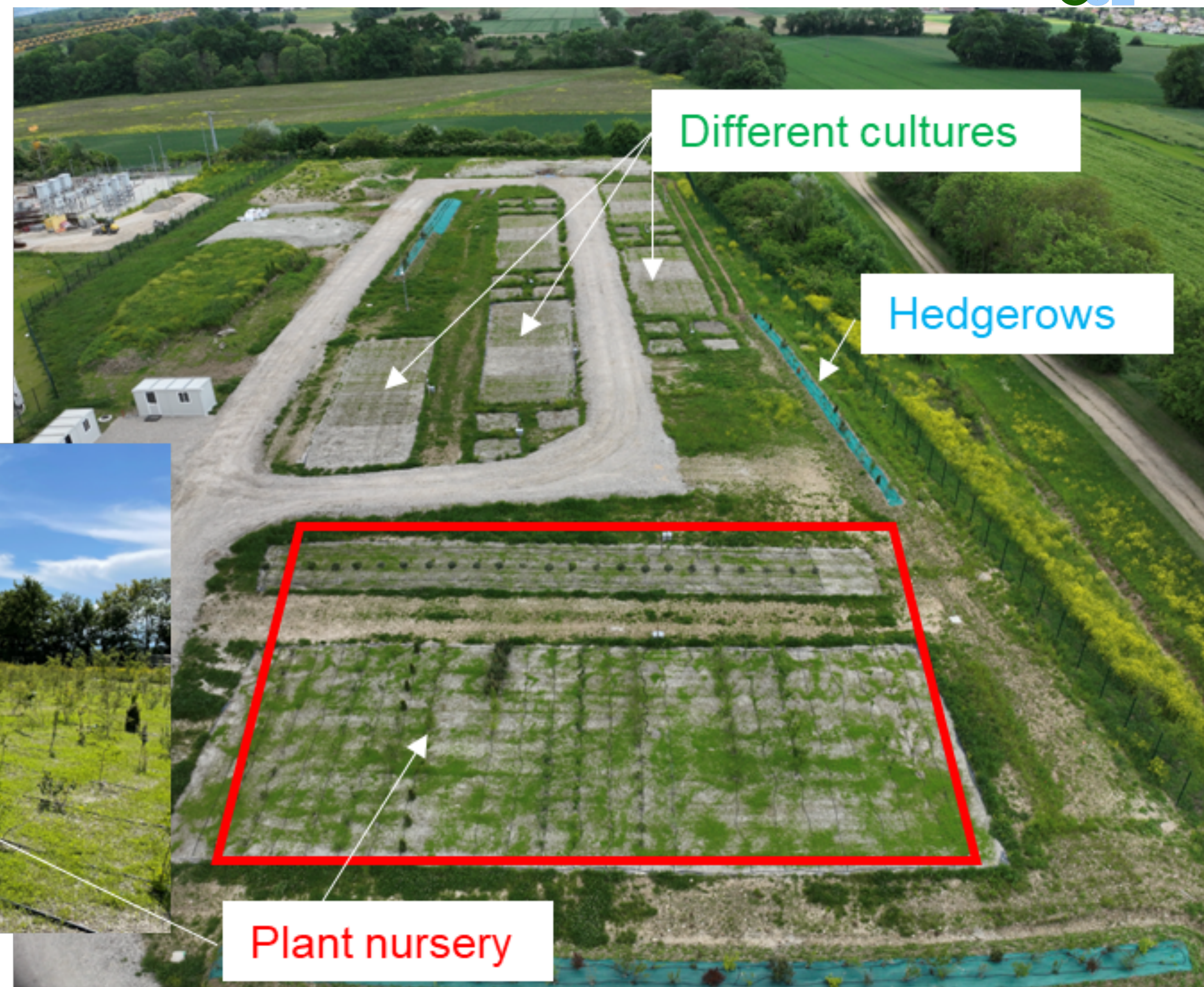
*Status of drilling 1/09/2025*



- Develop a quality-managed process to transform excavated materials into fertile soil
- Permit reuse in renaturalisation, agriculture, etc.
- Additives as compost etc. in various mixtures
- Location: 1 ha field, LHC P5 CMS Cessy (FR)
- Applicable to entire alpine molasse region!

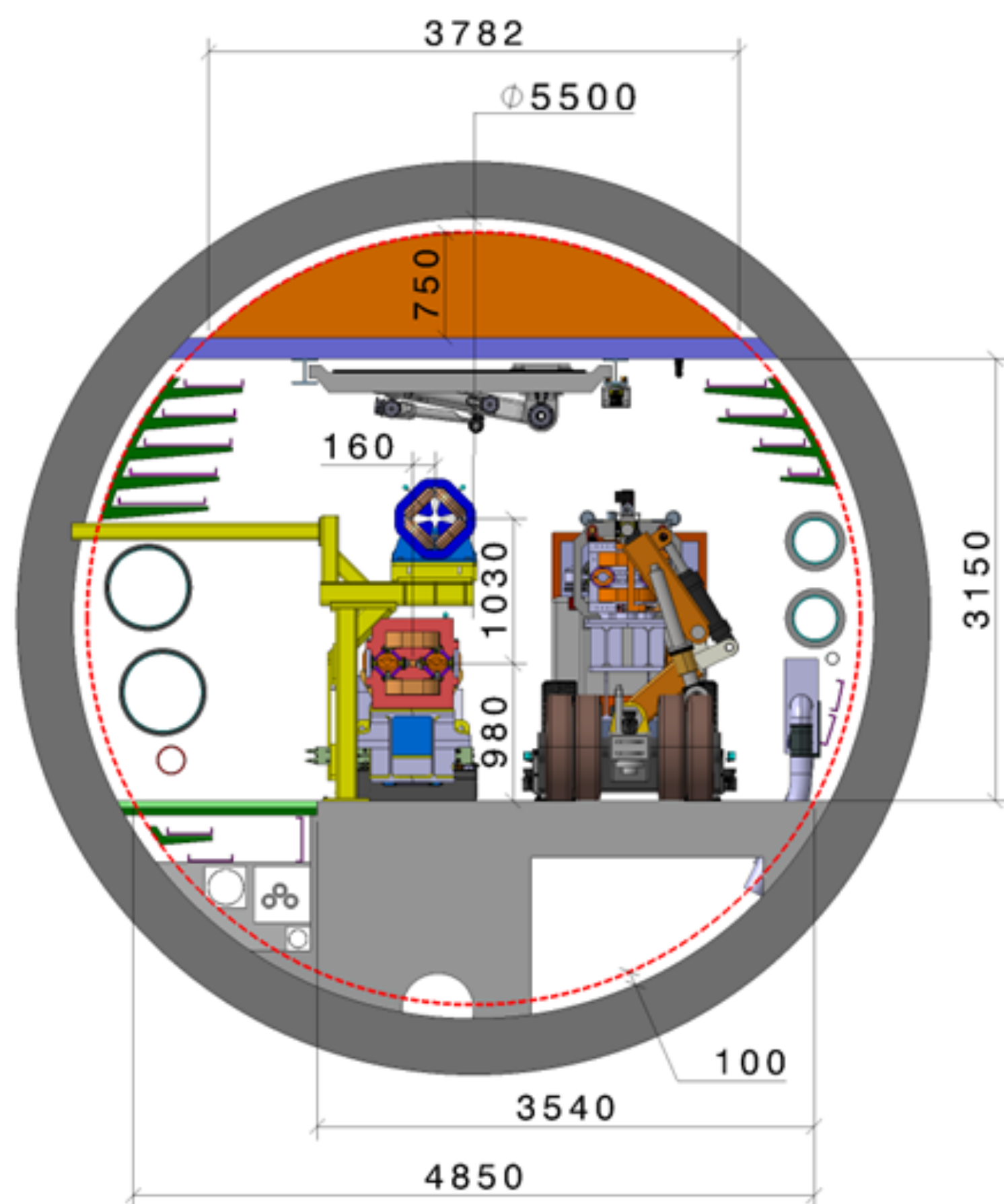
## Estimate of reuse quantities:

40% refill of quarries (~ 7.5 Mt)  
 25% reconstituted soil (~ 4 Mt)  
 30% deposit (~ 5 Mt)  
 5% other reuse

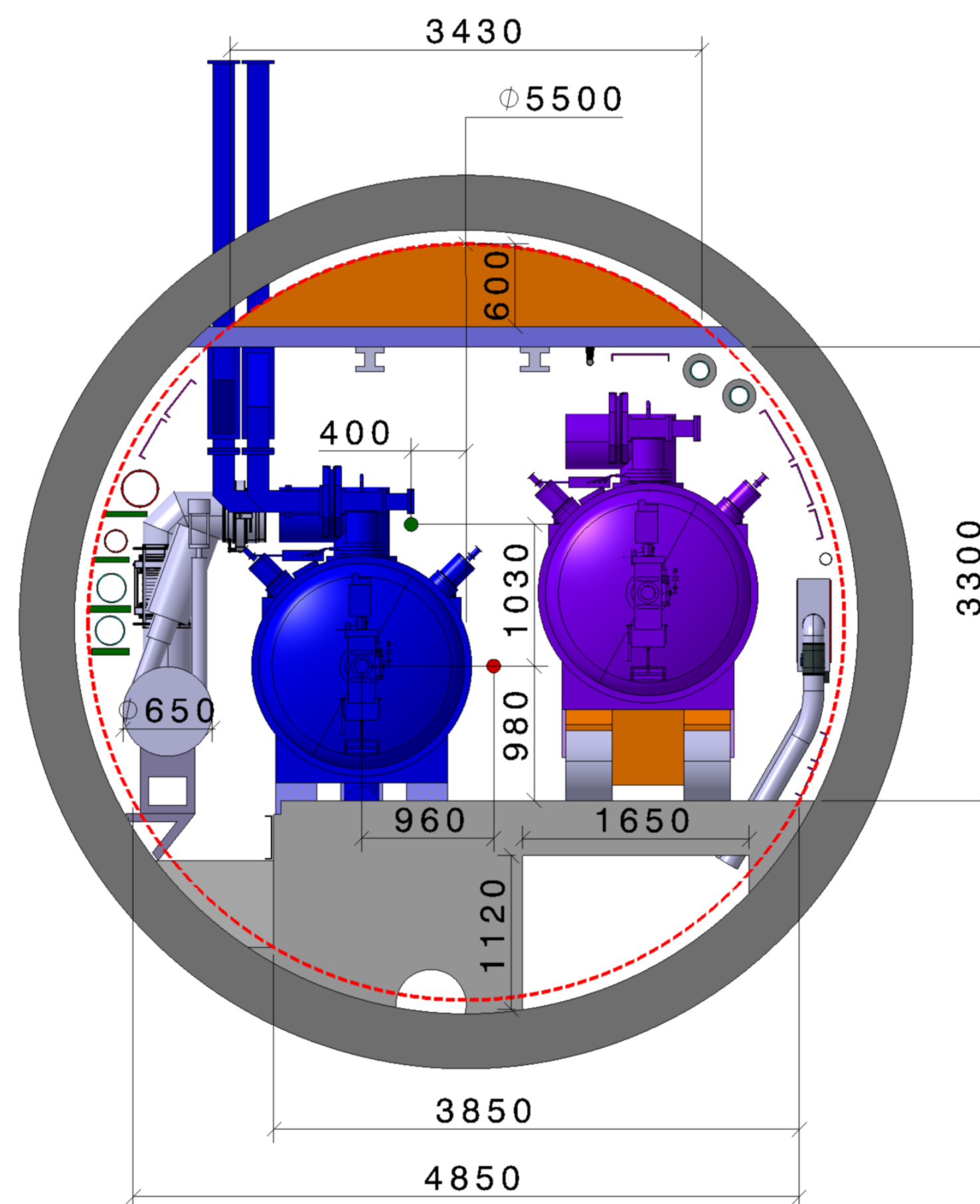




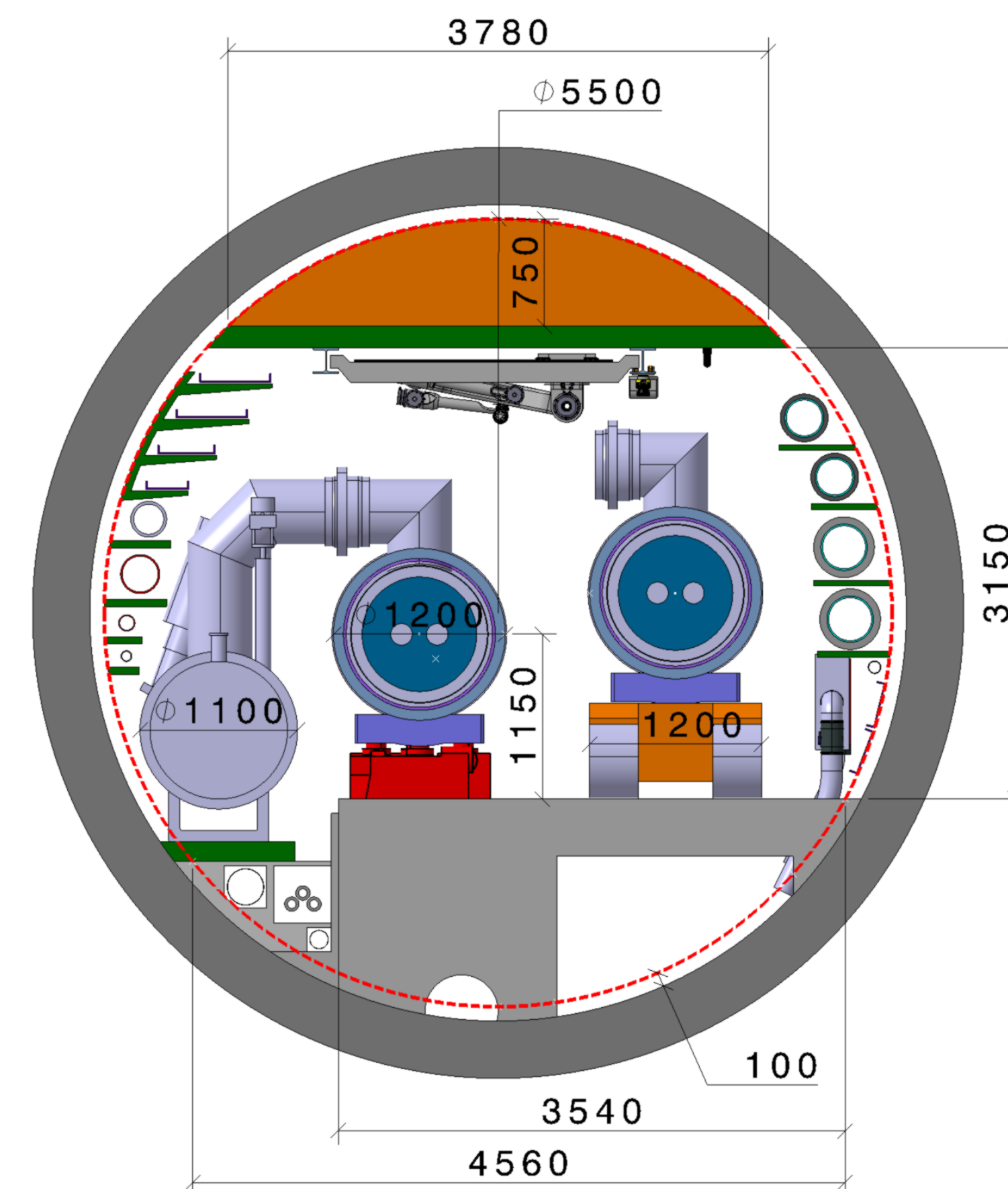
FCC-ee arc



FCC-ee 400 MHz RF section



FCC-hh arc



Integration & logistics studies for installation, safety concept reviewed, to confirm 5.5 m

## Consolidated main parameters

| parameter  | Z        | WW      | H (ZH)   |           |
|--|----------|---------|----------|-----------|
| beam energy [GeV]  | 45.6     | 80      | 120      | 182.5     |
| synchrotron radiation/beam [MW]  | 50       | 50      | 50       | 50        |
| beam current [mA]  | 1294     | 135     | 26.8     | 5.1       |
| number bunches / beam  | 11200    | 1852    | 300      | 64        |
| total RF voltage 400/800 MHz [GV]  | 0.08 / 0 | 1.0 / 0 | 2.09 / 0 | 2.1 / 9.2 |
| luminosity / IP [ $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ ]               | 145      | 20      | 7.5      | 1.4       |
| total integrated luminosity / IP / year [ $\text{ab}^{-1} / \text{yr}$ ] | 17       | 2.4     | 0.9      | 0.17      |
| electrical power operation [MW]  | 250      | 275     | 297      | 381       |
| electrical energy per year [TWh]   | 1.17     | 1.32    | 1.41     | 1.85      |

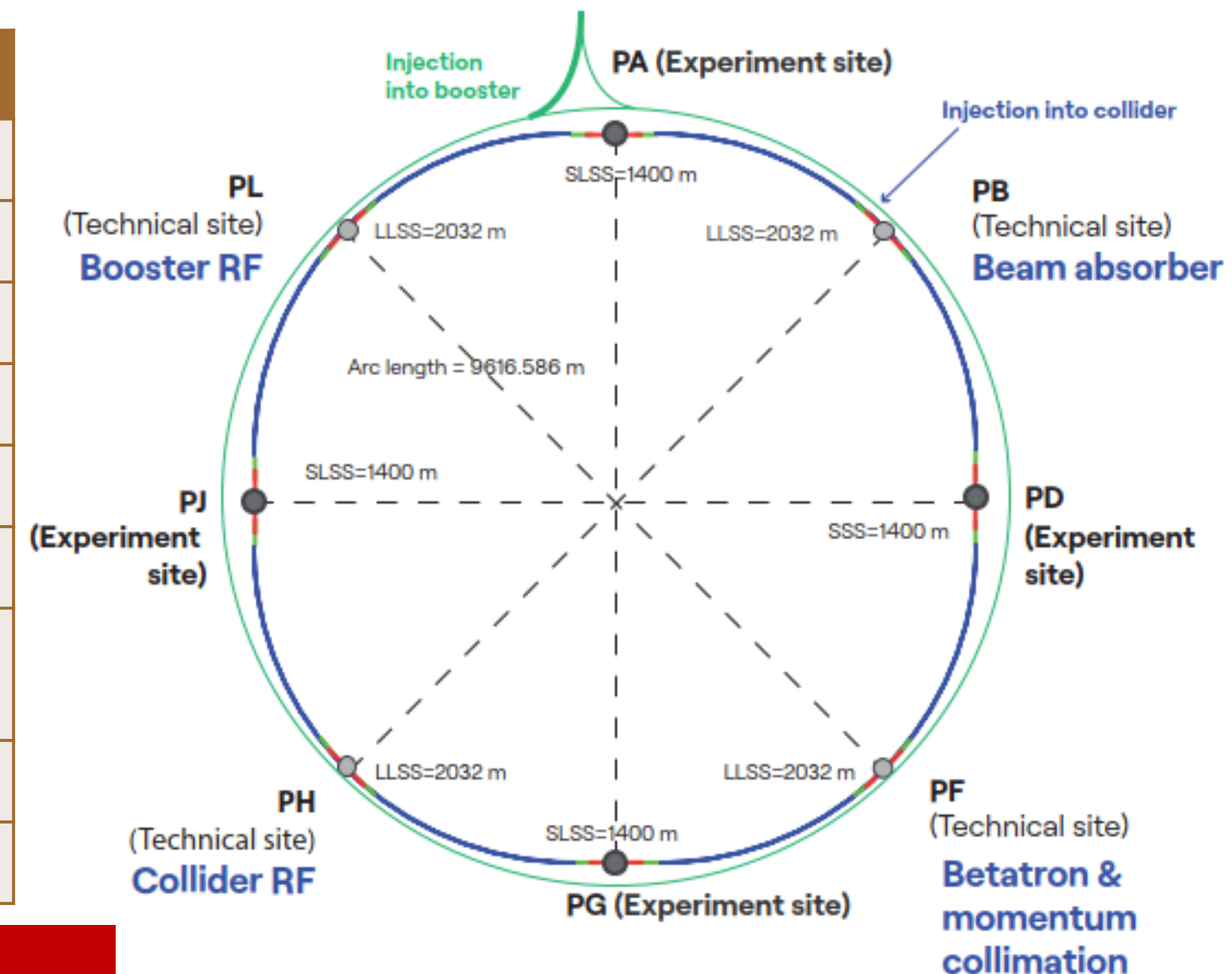
4 years  
 $6 \times 10^{12} \text{ Z}$   
 $\text{LEP} \times 10^5$

2 years  
 $> 10^8 \text{ WW}$   
 $\text{LEP} \times 10^4$

3 years  
 $> 2 \times 10^6 \text{ H}$

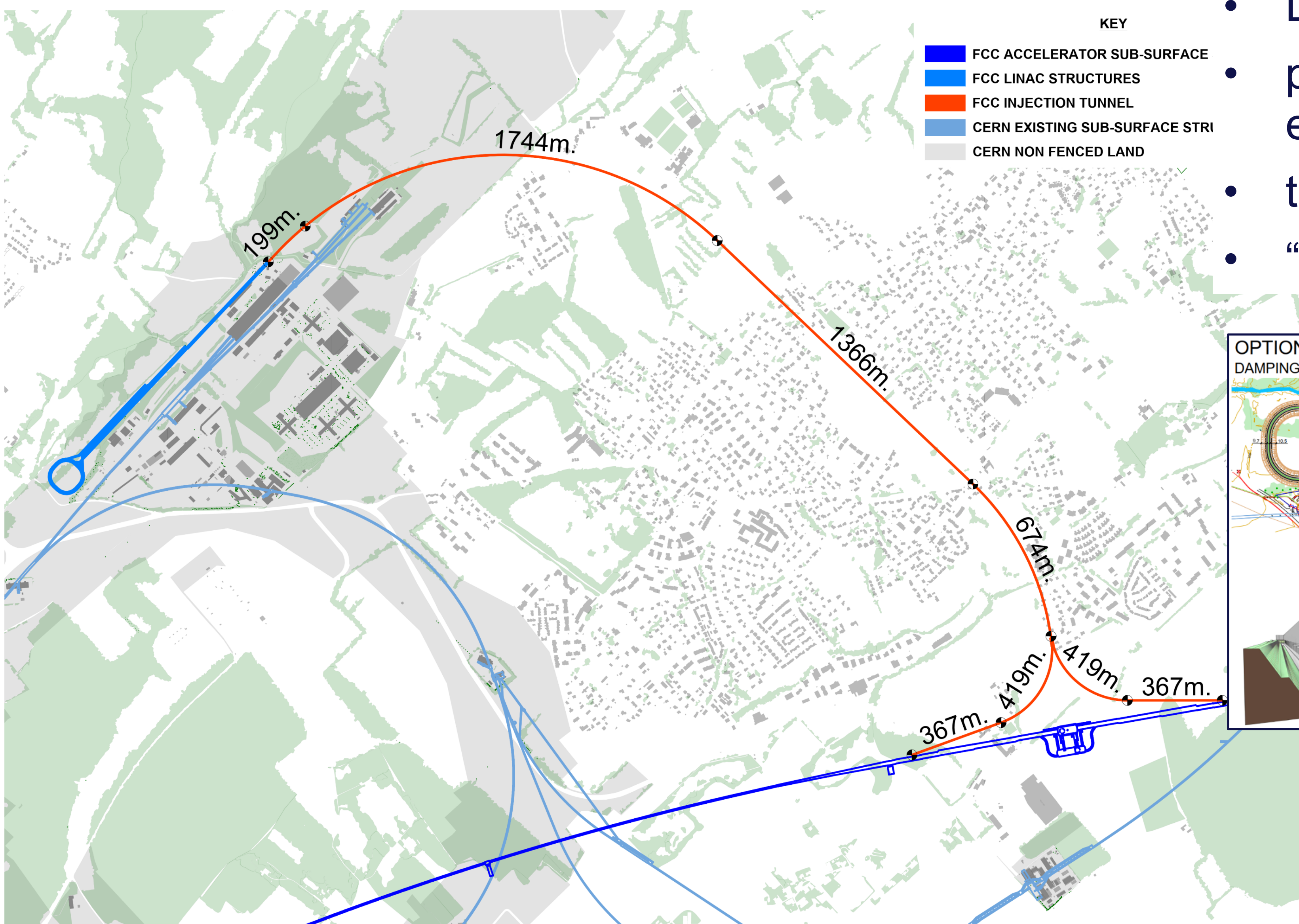
5 years  
 $2 \times 10^6 \text{ tt pairs}$

## FCC-ee functional layout

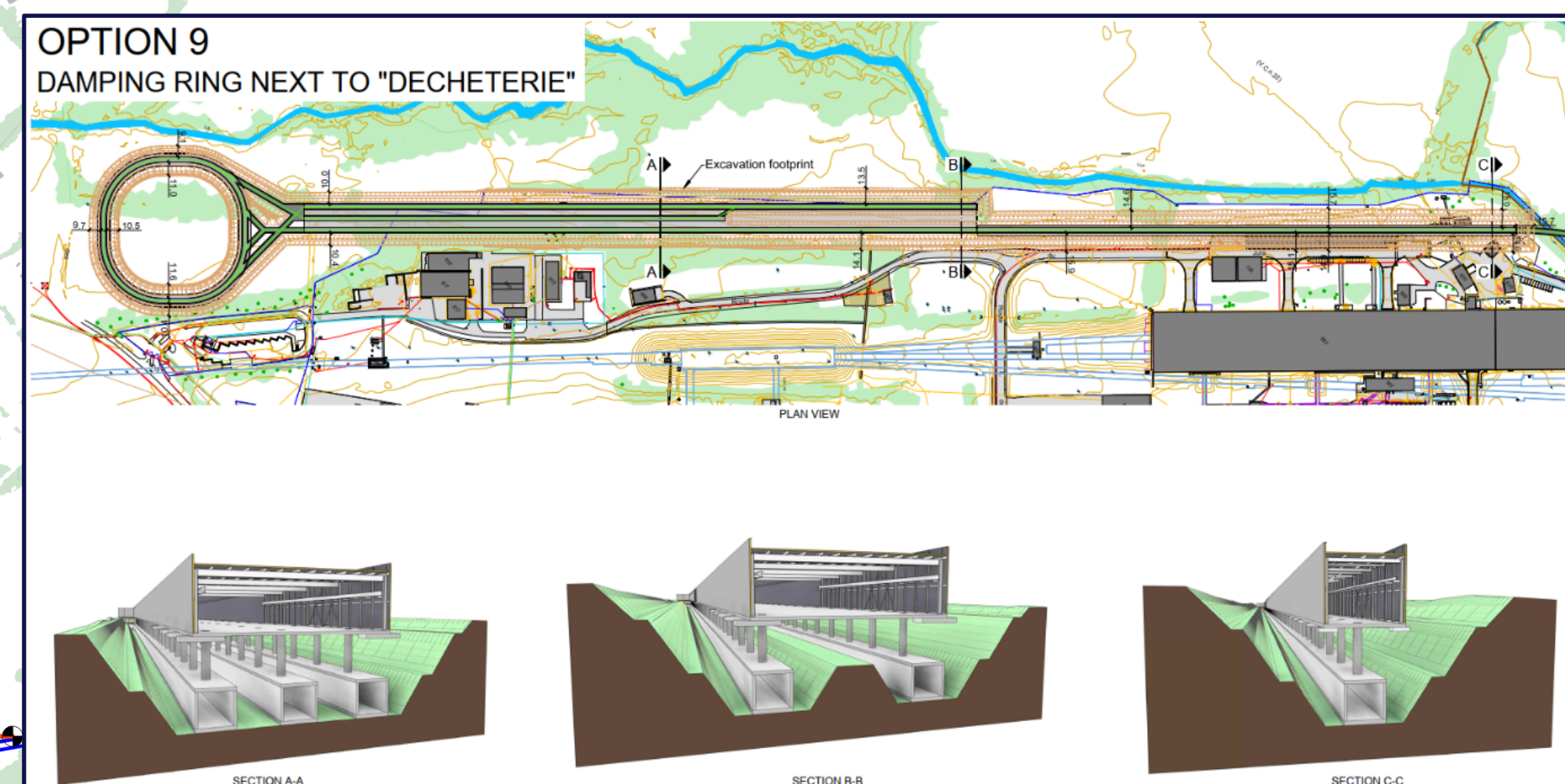


**$10^4$  (@WW) -  $10^5$  (@Z) x luminosity/energy of LEP → sustainable physics**





- Located on CERN Prévessin site
- possible connection to North Area to enable non-collider physics
- transfer line to FCC PA (LHC P8)
- “cut and cover” construction



- Since MTR overall parameter optimization to reduce electrical power to  $< 30$  MW

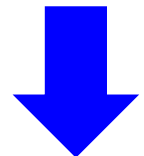


- Physics at 4 different energy points:  
 $Z^0$ ,  $W^+W^-$ , Higgs (ZH), t-tbar production
- Same SR power for all 4 modes  
 $P_{SR} = 50 \text{ MW}$  per beam



## Lowest energy:

- Low RF voltage
- High beam current



- Few cavities
- Low voltage per cavity
- High power** per cavity
- Significant HOM power
- Instabilities



- 1- or 2-cell cavities at low RF frequency (400MHz)

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- High SR damping



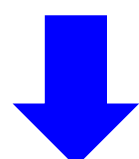
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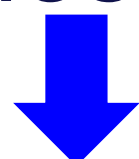
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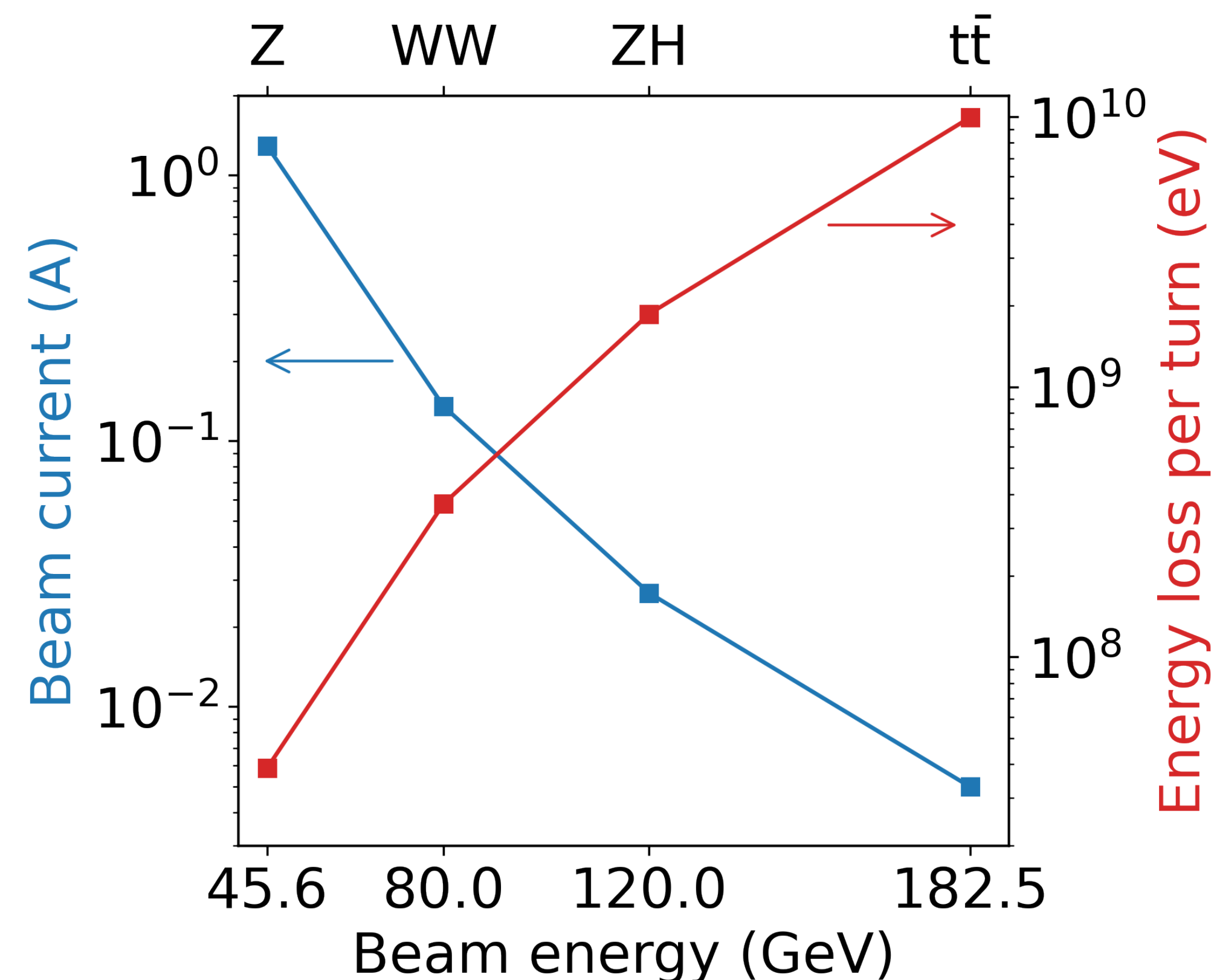
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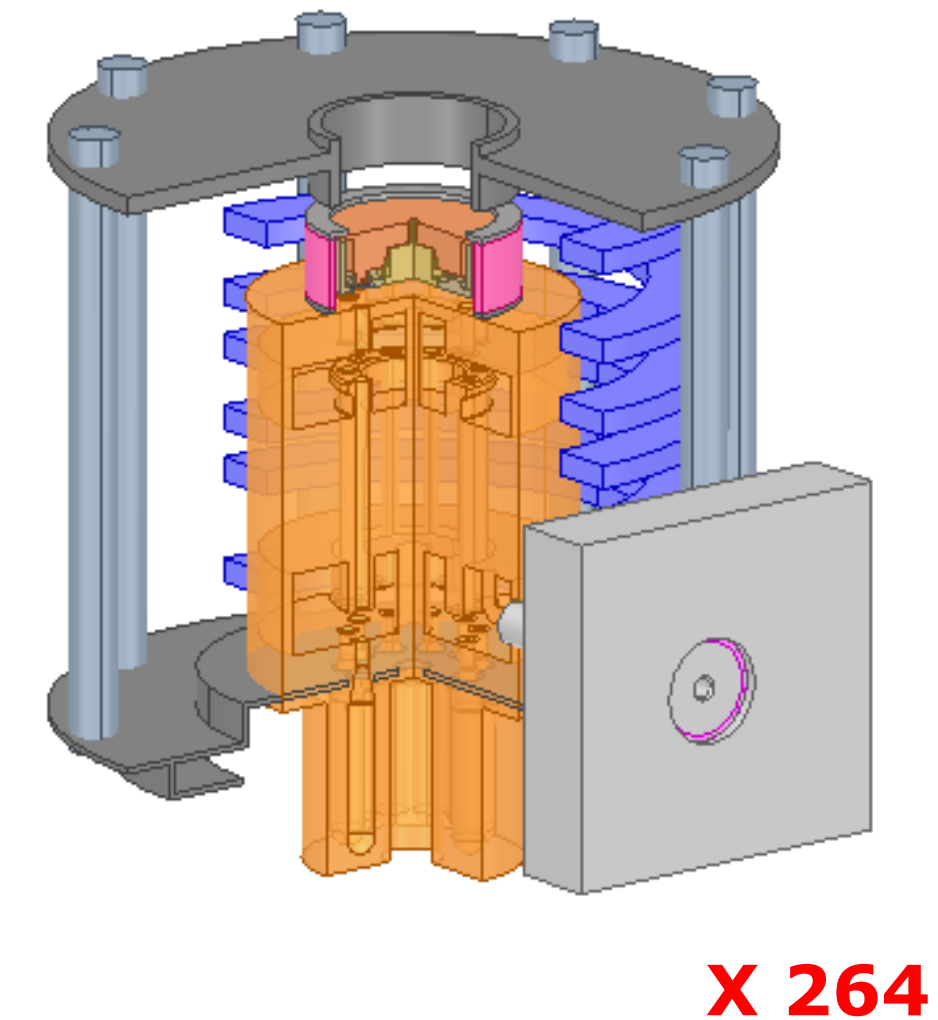
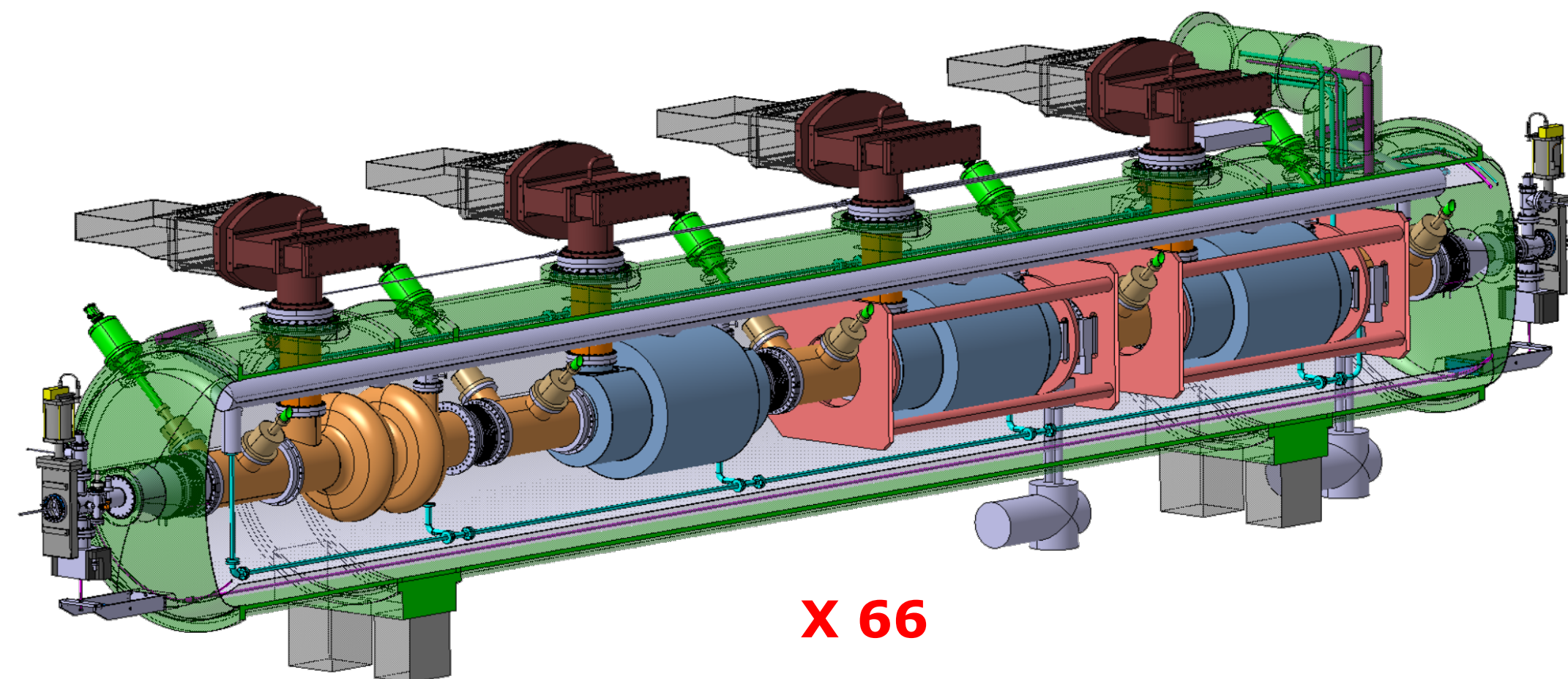
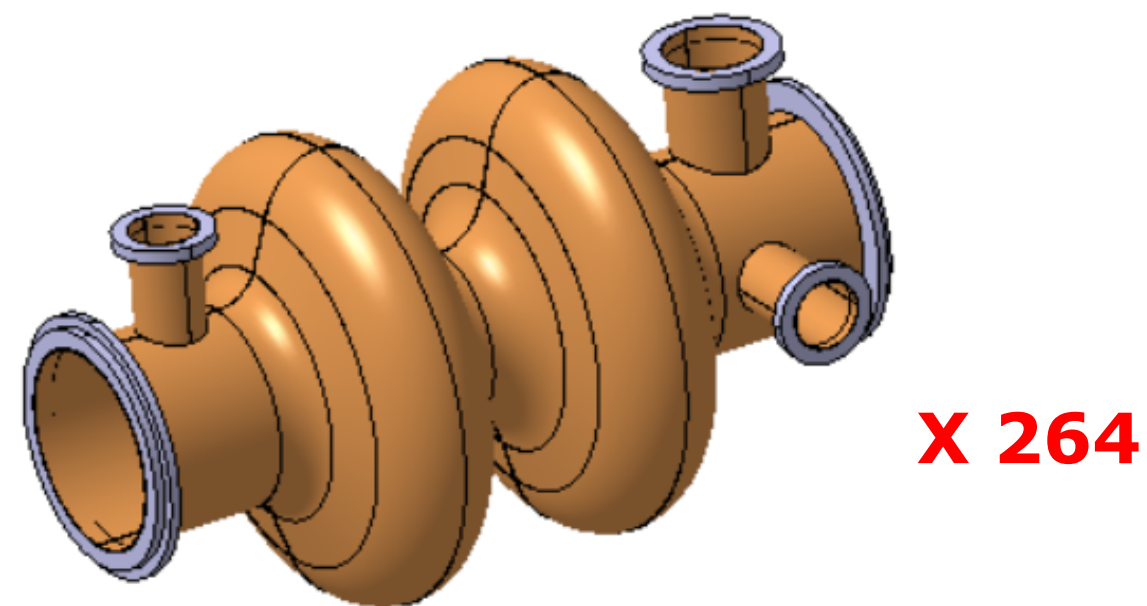
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## Superconducting elliptical cavity

- 400 MHz, 2-cell
- 1.5 m. long
- Electropolished and seamless RF surface
- Niobium thin film with HiPIMS

## Cryomodule

- Segmented design, 4 cavities
- Vertical FPC, HOM damping and extraction
- Frequency tuning system
- Thermal and magnetic shielding

## Multibeam Tristron

- **400 MHz**
- 46 kV
- 500 kW, CW
- ~ 90% efficiency

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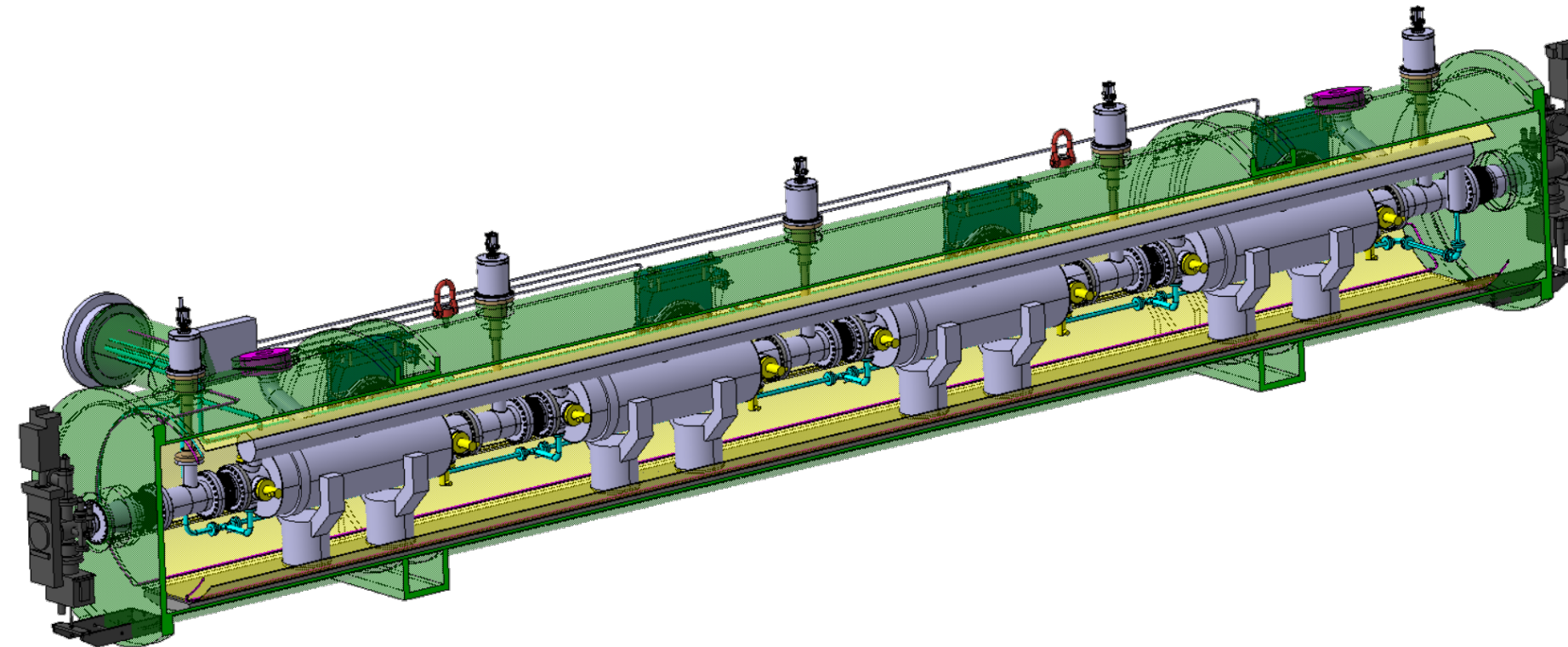




**X (408 + 448)**

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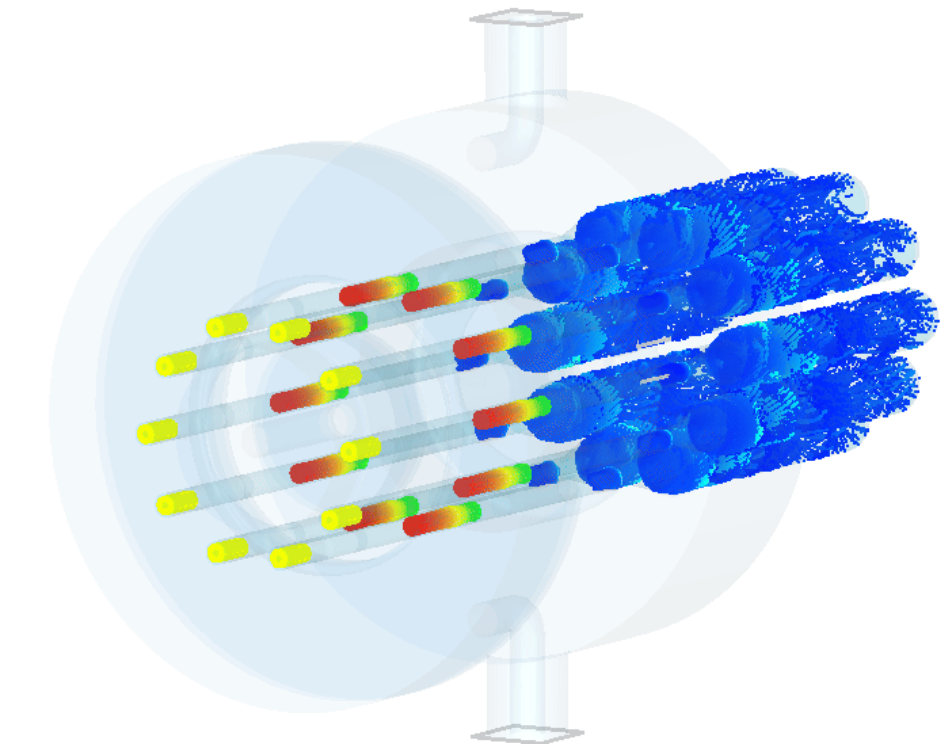
- 800 MHz, 6-cell
- Nb3Sn if R&D is successful



**X (102 + 112)**

## Cryomodule

- Segmented design, 4 cavities, 2 K
- Operation at 4.5 K if R&D successful



## Multibeam Tristron

- 800 MHz
- 250 kW, CW **X 408**

## Solid State Amplifier (SSA)

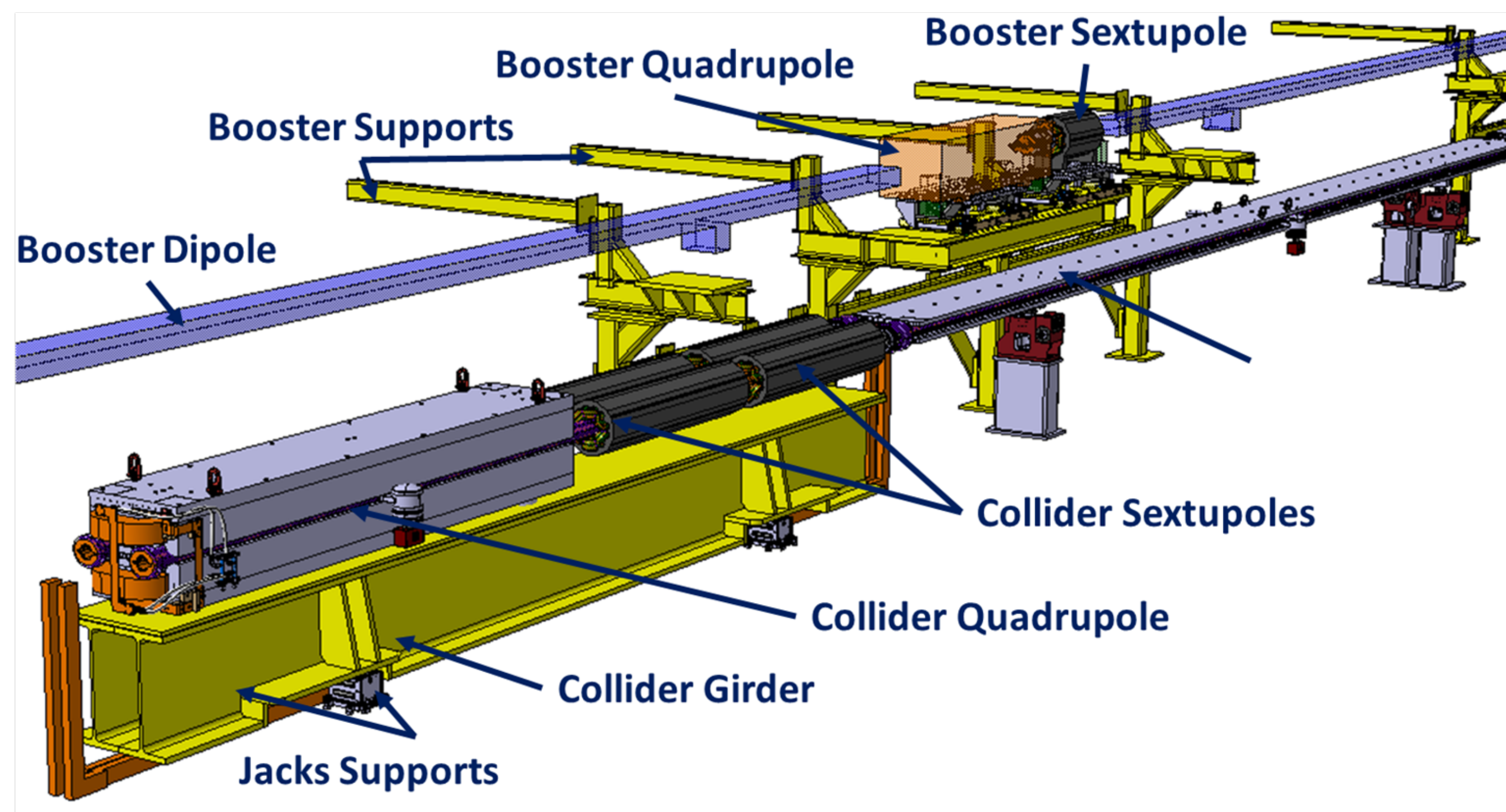
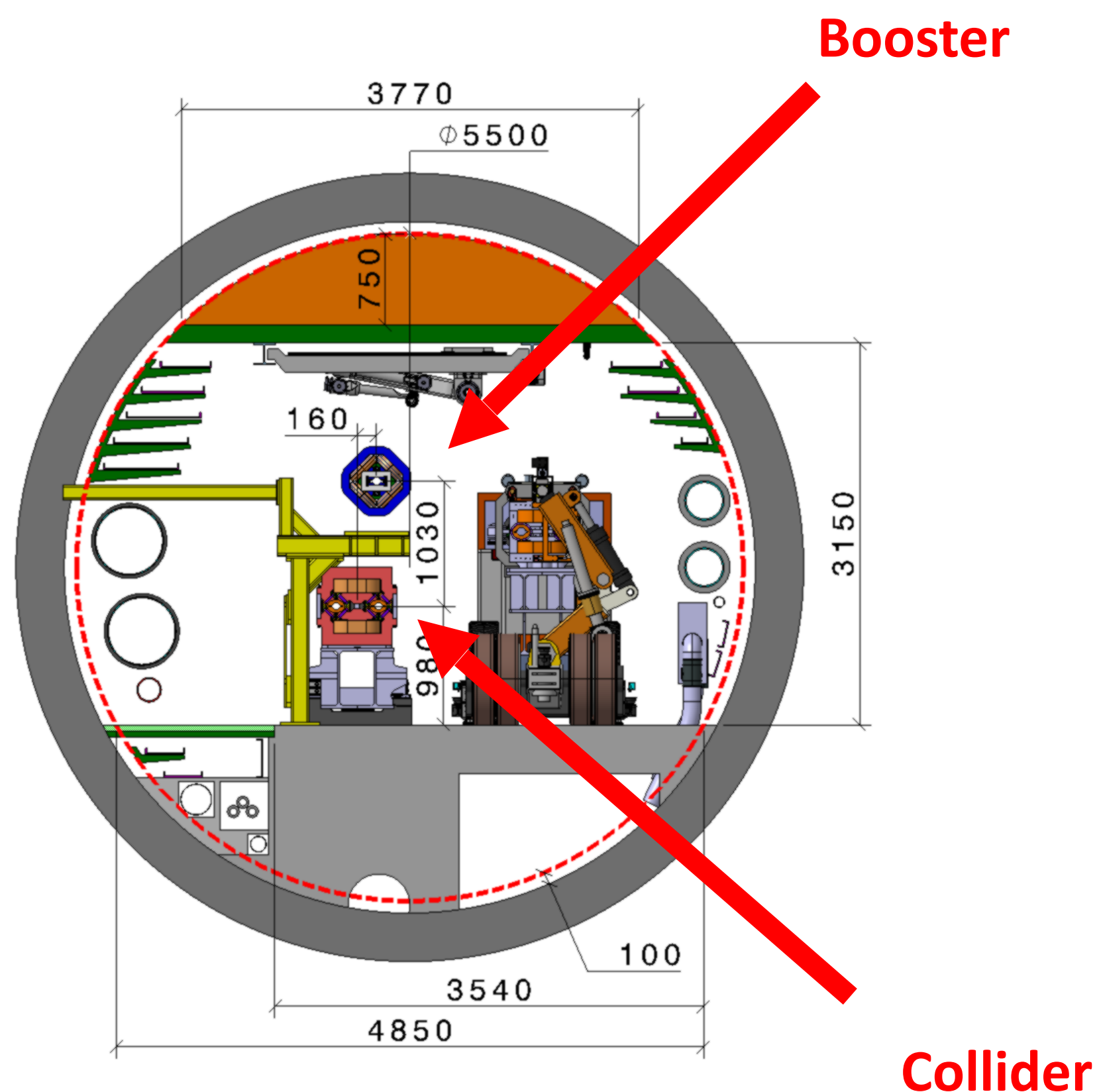
- 800 MHz **X 448**
- 10-15 kW pulsed



A. Butterworth



**full energy booster**, ramping from 20 GeV to 46 GeV – 182.5 GeV;  
injection ~every minute to keep collider beam currents constant;  
booster intensity ~1% of collider; full RF voltage as in collider



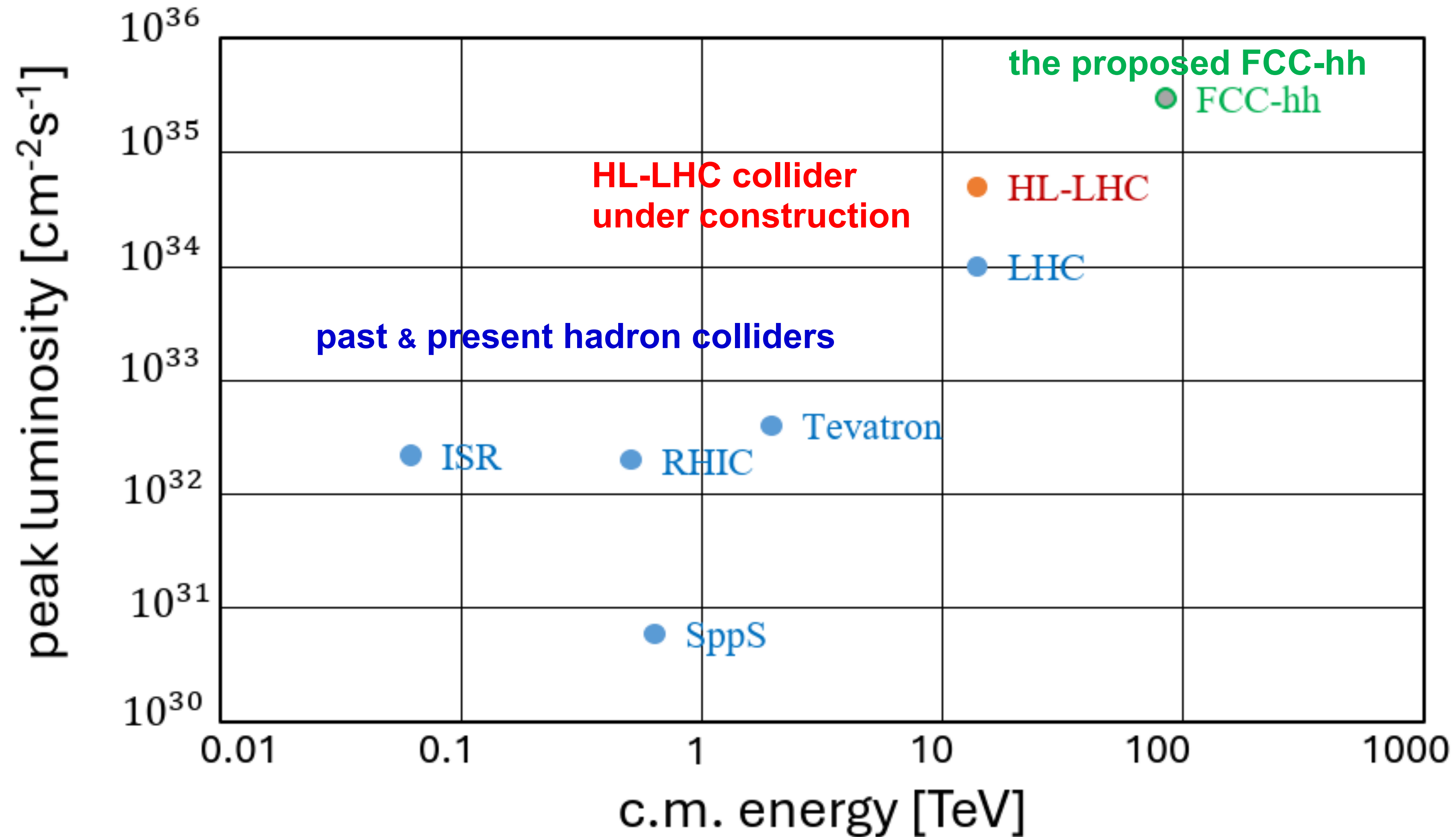


Capital cost (2024 CHF) for construction of the FCC-ee is summarised below. This cost includes construction of the entire new infrastructure and all equipment for operation at the Z, WW and ZH working points.

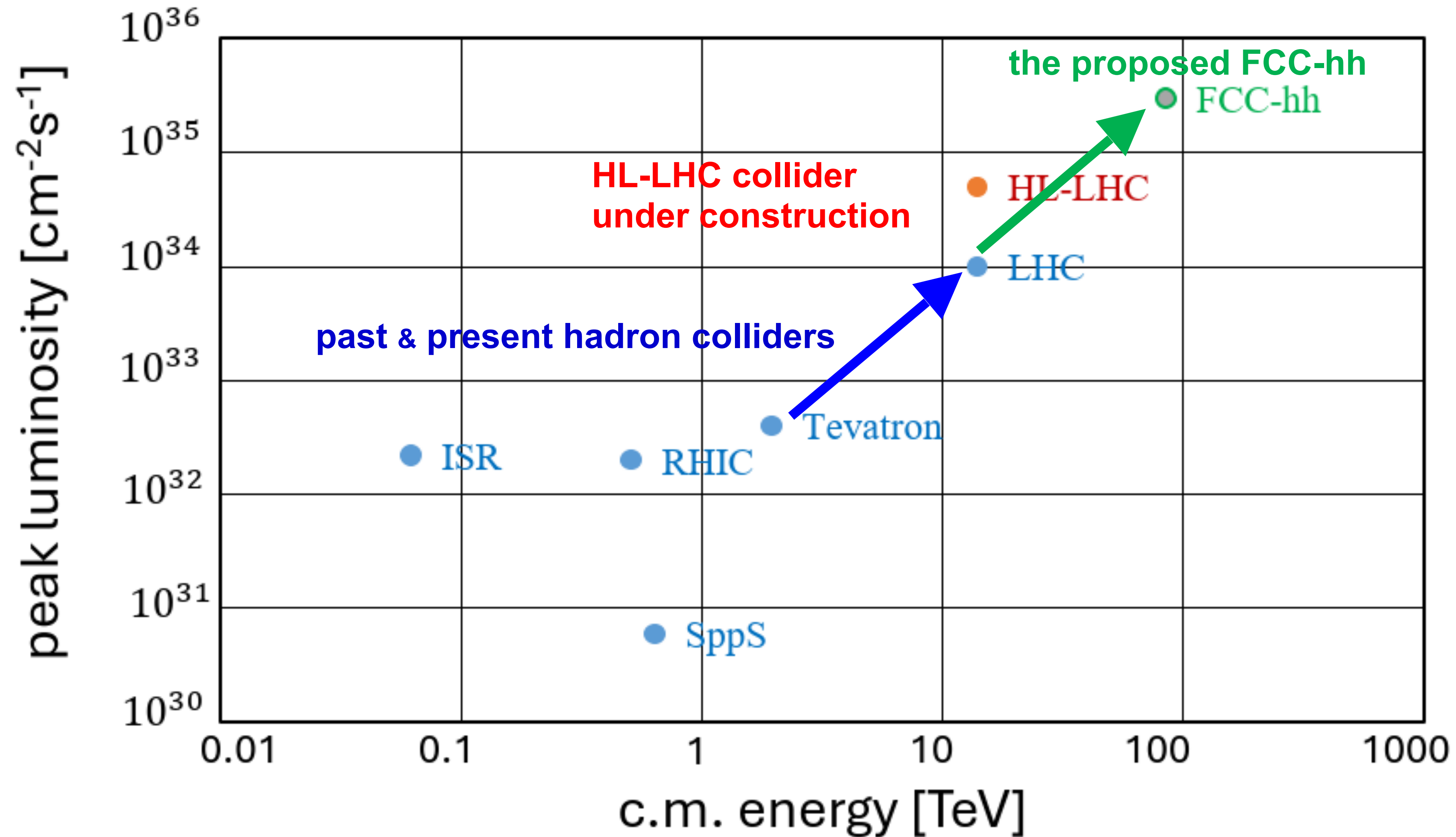
| Domain                                     | Cost [MCHF]   |
|--|---------------|
| Civil engineering                          | 6,160         |
| Technical infrastructures                  | 2,840         |
| Injectors and transfer lines               | 590           |
| Booster and collider                       | 4,140         |
| CERN contribution to four experiments      | 290           |
| <b>FCC-ee total</b>                        | <b>14,020</b> |
| + four experiments (non-CERN part)         | 1,300         |
| <b>FCC-ee total incl. four experiments</b> | <b>15,320</b> |

Note: Upgrade of SRF (800 MHz) & cryogenics for ttbar operation corresponds to additional cost of 1,260 MCHF.









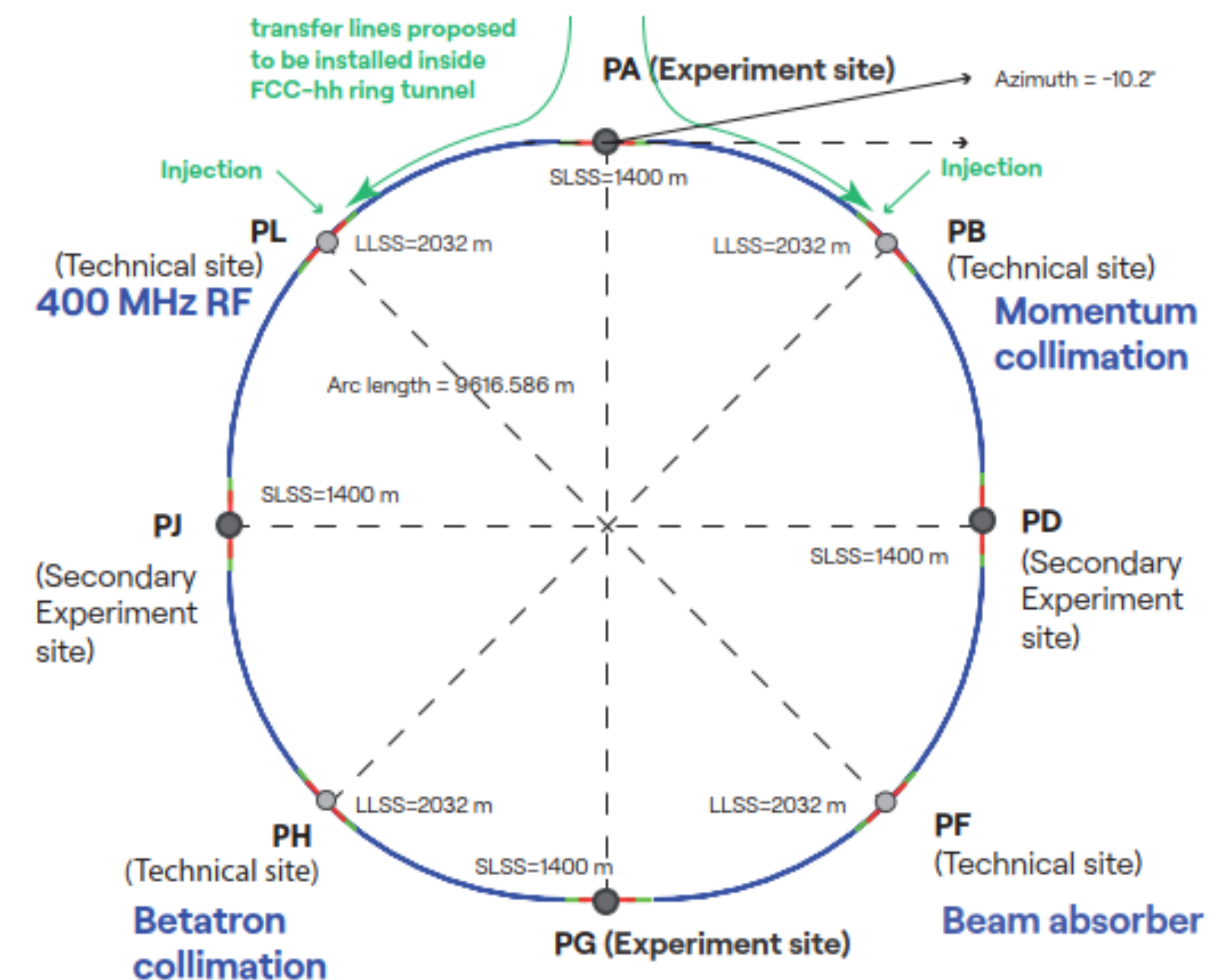


- Parameter optimization to lower electricity consumption (~max. consumption of FCC-ee)
- Magnetic field considered realistic with today's technologies ( $\text{Nb}_3\text{Sn}$ , ~14T, 1.9 K)

## Main parameters FSR 2025

| parameter  | FCC-hh | FCC-hh CDR | HL-LHC   |
|--|--------|------------|----------|
| collision energy cms [TeV]                               | 85     | 100        | 14       |
| dipole field [T]   | 14     | 16         | 8.33     |
| circumference [km]                                       | 90.7   | 97.8       | 26.7     |
| beam current [A]   | 0.5    | 0.5        | 1.1      |
| synchr. rad. per ring [kW]                               | 1200   | 2400       | 7.3      |
| peak luminos. [ $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ ] | 30     | 30         | 5 (lev.) |
| integr. luminosity / IP [ $\text{fb}^{-1}$ ]             | 20000  | 20000      | 3000     |

## FCC-hh functional layout



- For  $\text{Nb}_3\text{Sn}$  @ 1.9 K: 355 MW el, consumption and 2.3 TWh/y
- For  $\text{Nb}_3\text{Sn}$  @ 4.5 K potential to reduce to ~1.8 TWh/y as FCC-ee.



# Status of the FCC Global Collaboration

**Increasing international collaboration is a prerequisite for success:**

→ links with science, research & development and **high-tech industry** will be essential to further advance and prepare the implementation of the FCC

→ Next step is preparation of a plan with national laboratories for in-kind contributions to the project

## 38 Participating Countries

Austria – Belgium – Brazil – Canada – Chile – Colombia – Czech Republic – Denmark – Estonia – Finland – France – Georgia – Germany – Greece – Hungary – India – Iran – Italy – Japan – Latvia – Malta – Mexico – Netherlands – Norway – Pakistan – Poland – Portugal – Republic of Korea – Romania – Serbia – Spain – Sweden – Switzerland – Thailand – Türkiye – Ukraine – United Kingdom – United States of America

162  
Institutes

38  
Countries  
+  
CERN





- Strategy process was initiated by the CERN Council in 2024

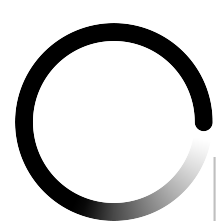
**Motivation:**

- Large progress towards future colliders at CERN (FCC feasibility study) and beyond
- International landscape of the field (CEPC, ILC, P5 in the US)
- Accomplishments in physics (LHC, HL-LHC and elsewhere)
- Long timescales (community engagement)

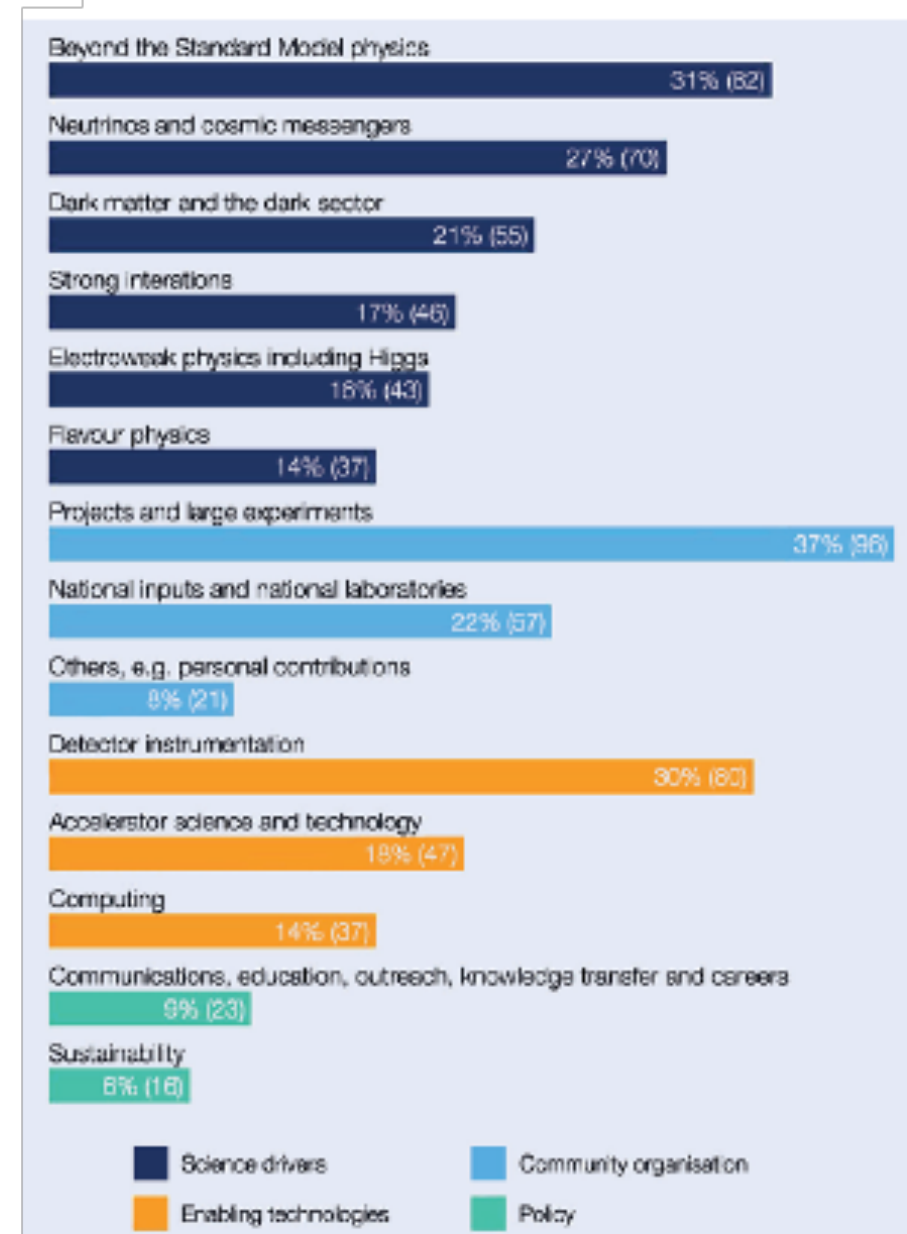


- *Aim: develop a **visionary and concrete plan** that greatly advances human knowledge in fundamental physics through the **realisation of the next flagship project at CERN**. This plan should attract and value **international collaboration** and should **allow Europe to continue to play a leading role in the field**.*
- *The Strategy update should include the **preferred option for the next collider at CERN** and **prioritised alternative options** to be pursued if the chosen preferred plan turns out not to be feasible or competitive.*
- *The Strategy update should also **indicate areas of priority for exploration complementary to colliders** and for other experiments to be considered at CERN and at other laboratories in Europe, as well as for participation in projects outside Europe.*





## Timeline for the update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics



266 submissions received

- Major flagship projects
- Many projects in other physics areas
- Input from national HEP communities
- National labs
- Early career researchers
- ...



More details on ESPP web page: <https://europeanstrategyupdate.web.cern.ch/>

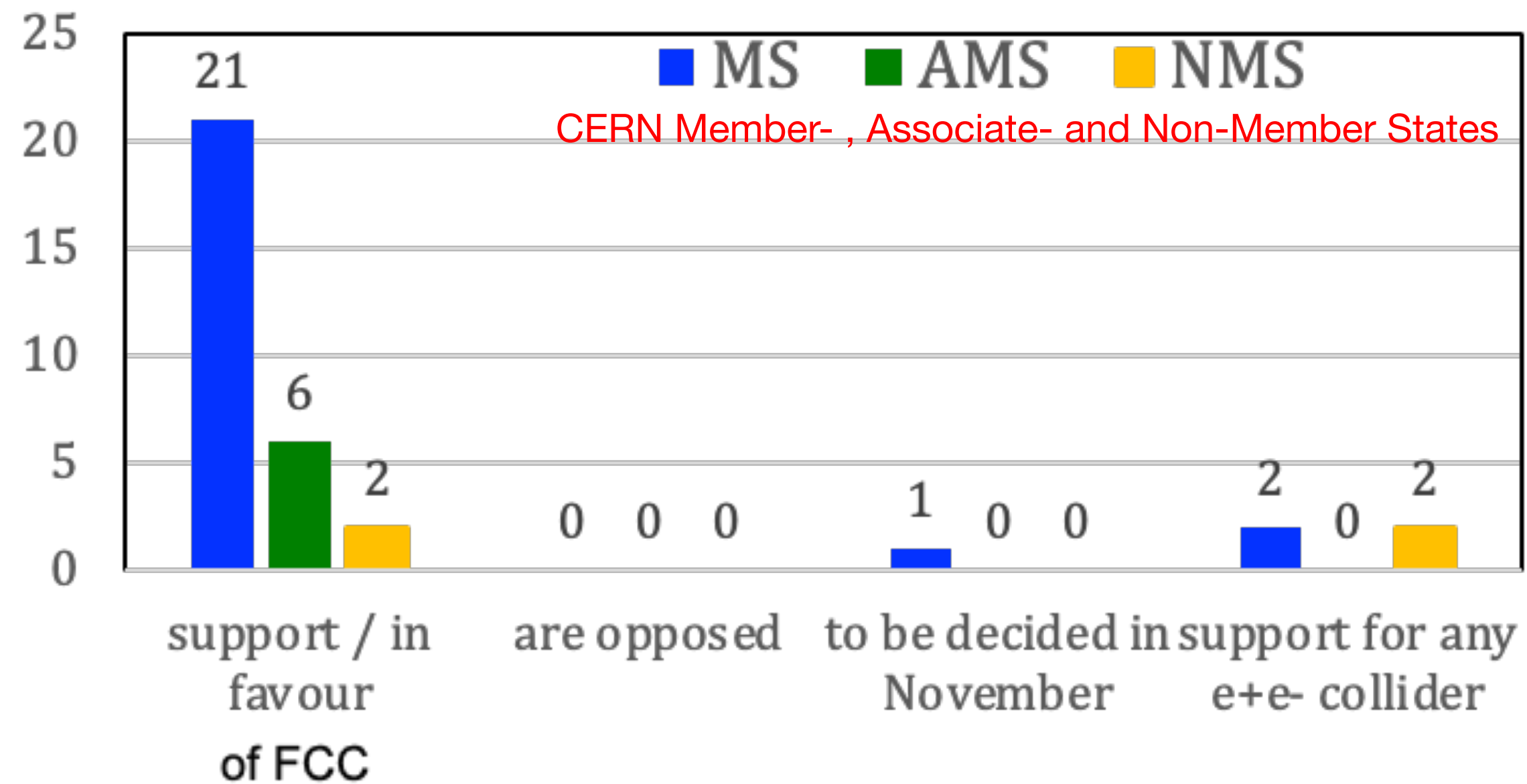




<https://agenda.infn.it/event/44943/overview>

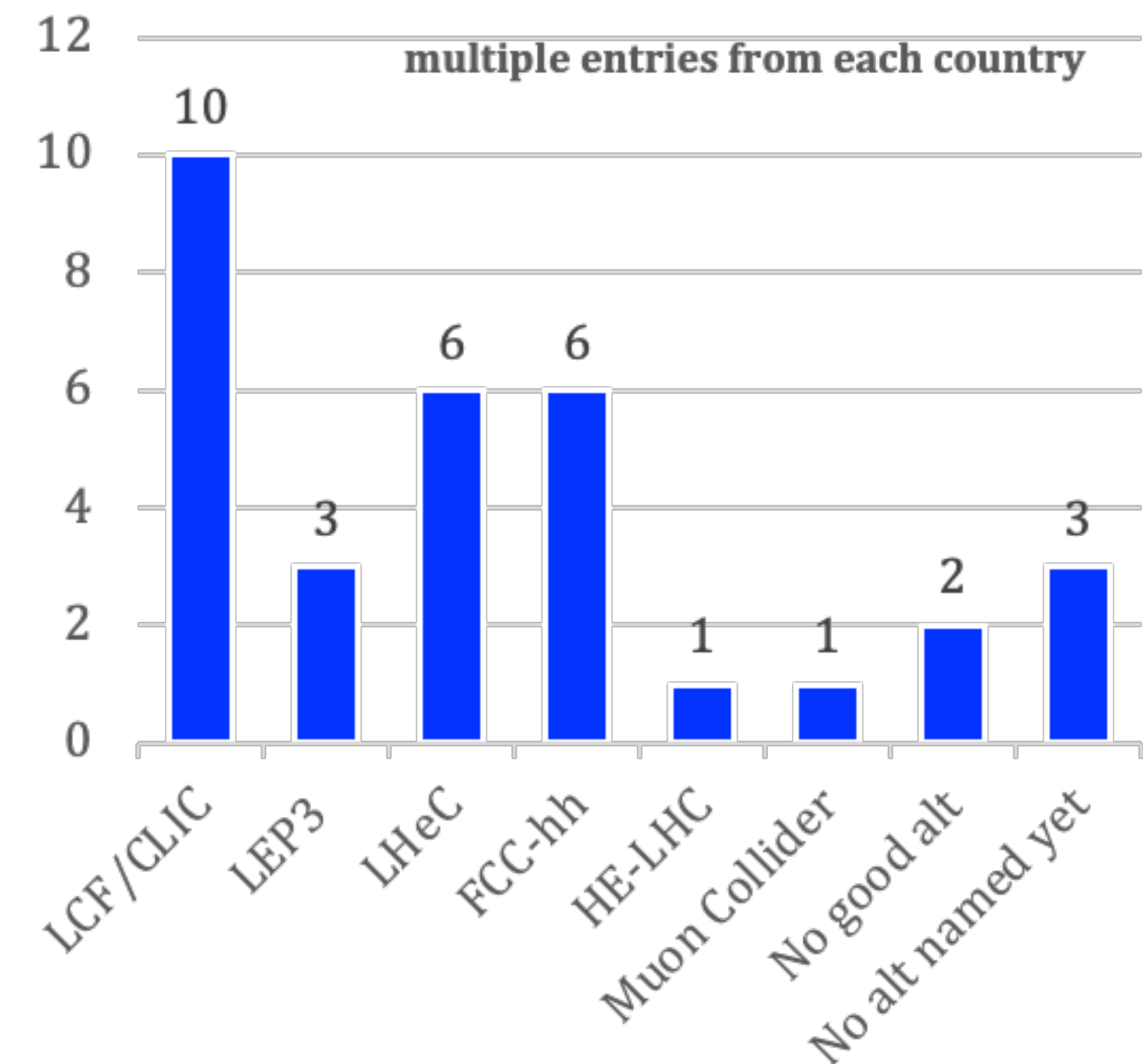


What is the preferred large-scale accelerator for CERN?



- Overwhelming support (21/24 CERN Member States HEP communities) in favour of the integrated FCC-ee/hh programme
- Support as well from Associate Member States (AMS) and Non-Member States (NMS)

What is the alternative if the preferred option is not feasible?



- No consensus on an alternative (yet)



## (i) Physics Potential

Physics Briefing Book ( → 30 Sept. 2025)

→ Assessment of overall Physics Potential **(ESG Working Group 2b)**

## (ii) Project assessment

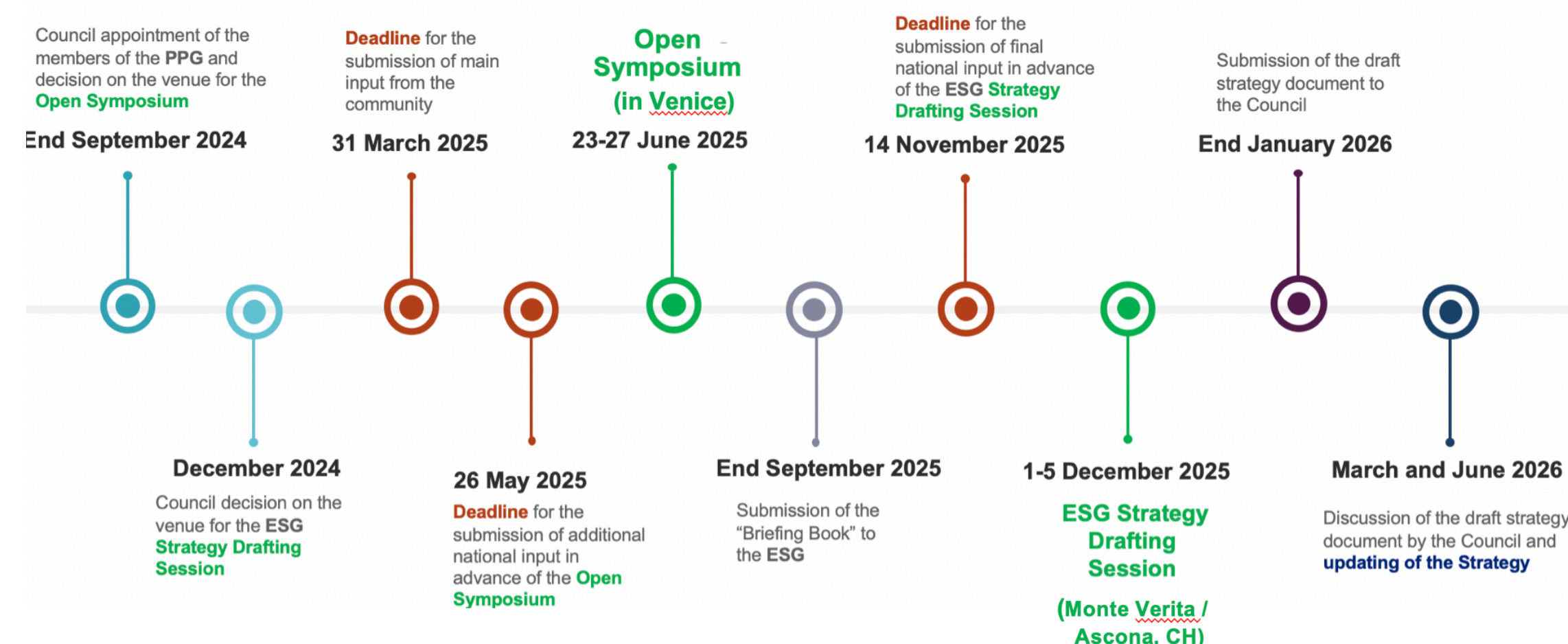
Technical feasibility, required R&D, risks, timeline, costs and human resources (including estimates for the associated detectors), environmental impact  
**(ESG working group 2a)**

Preliminary finding will be shared with the community around mid October

## (iii) Final input by the National HEP communities

(→ 14 Nov. 2025)

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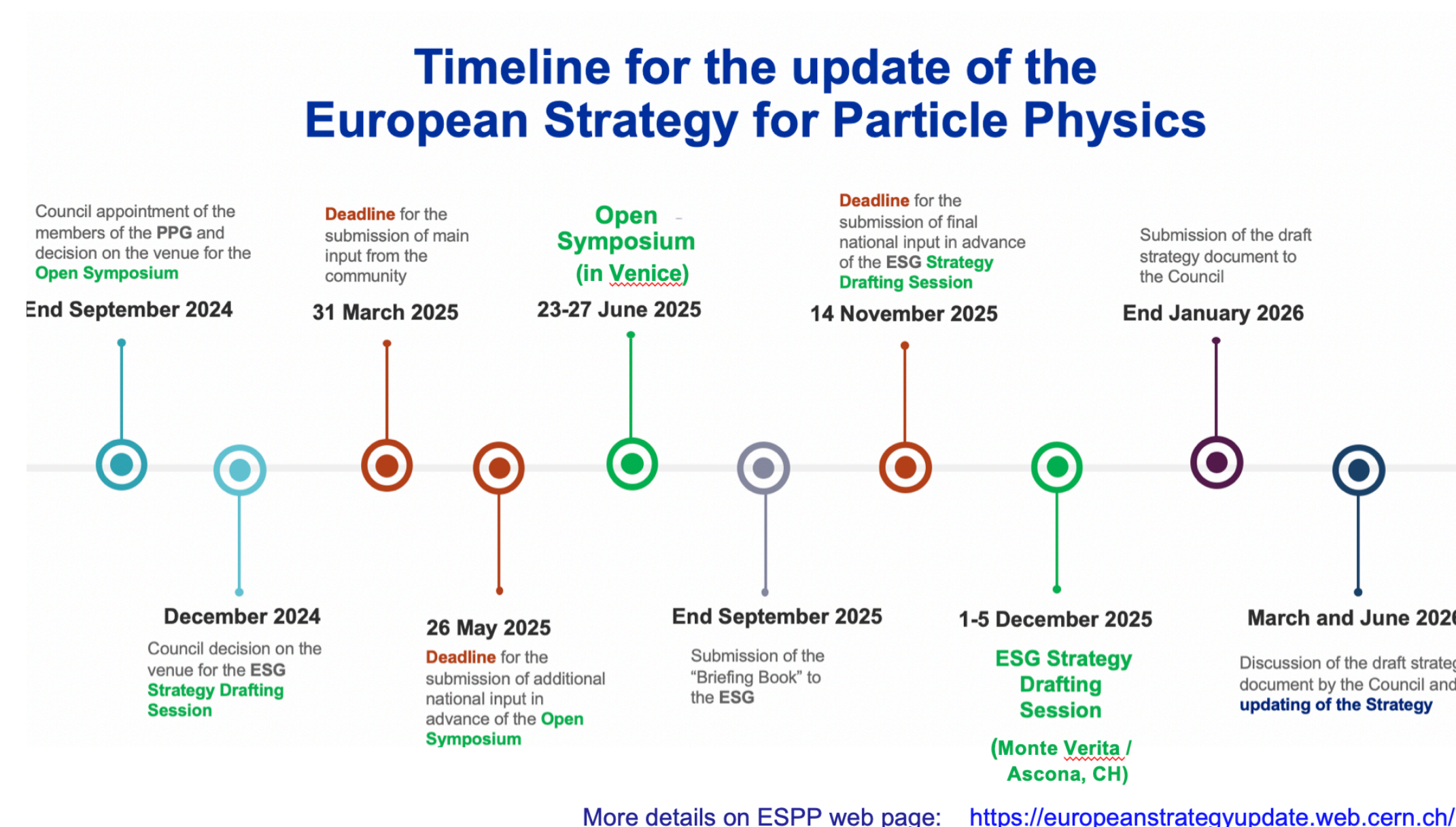
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## (iv) ESG Strategy Drafting Session, 01 – 05 Dec 2025 in Ascona / Monte Verità

→ ESG recommendations;

Will be submitted to the CERN Council



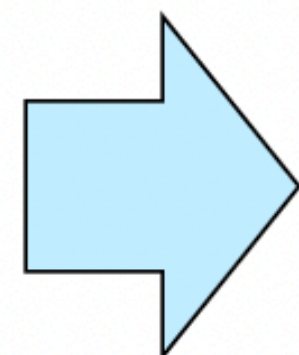
## (v) Update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics by the CERN Council (Discussions in March 2026, final meeting in Budapest in May 2026)

## (vi) Final deliberations on **project approval** by the CERN Council during 2027/2028



## Higgs Factory Programme

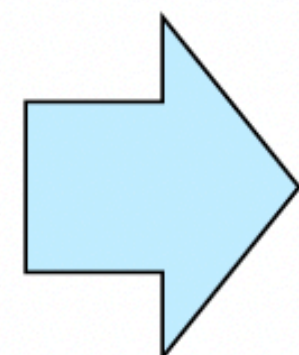
- At  $\sqrt{s}=240$  and  $\sqrt{s}=365$  GeV collect 2.6M HZ and 150k WW  $\rightarrow$  H events
- Higgs couplings to fermions and bosons
- Higgs self-coupling ( $\sim 4 \sigma$ ) via loop diagrams
- Unique possibility: s-channel  $e^+e^- \rightarrow H$  at 125 GeV



- **Momentum resolution  $\sigma(p_T)/p_T \simeq 10^{-3}$  @  $p_T \sim 50$  GeV**
  - $\sigma(p)/p$  limited by multiple scattering  $\rightarrow$  minimise material
- **Jet  $\sigma(E)/E \simeq 3\text{-}4\%$  in multijet events for Z/W/H separation**
- **Superior impact parameter resolution for b, c tagging**
- **Hadron PID for s tagging**

## Precision EW and QCD Programme

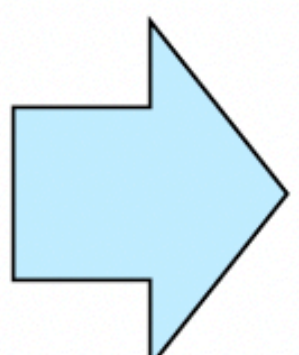
- $6 \times 10^{12}$  Z and  $2 \times 10^8$  WW events
- $\times 500$  improvement of statistical precision on EWPO:  $m_Z, \Gamma_Z, \Gamma_{inv}, \sin^2\theta_W, R_b, m_W, \Gamma_W, \dots$
- $2 \times 10^8$  tt events:  $m_{top}, \Gamma_{top}, \text{EW couplings}$
- Indirect sensitivity to new physics up to tens of TeV



- **Absolute normalisation of luminosity to  $10^{-4}$**
- **Relative normalisation to  $\lesssim 10^{-5}$  (e.g.  $\Gamma_{had}/\Gamma_\ell$ )**
  - Acceptance definition to  $\mathcal{O}(10 \mu\text{m})$
- **Track angular resolution  $< 0.1$  mrad**
- **Stability of B field to  $10^{-6}$**

## Heavy Flavour Programme

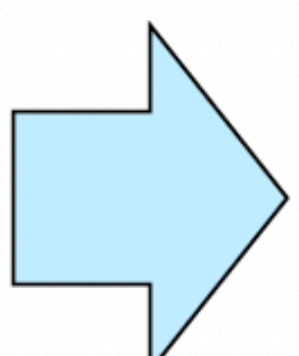
- $10^{12}$  bb, cc,  $2 \times 10^{12}$   $\tau\tau$  (clean and boosted):  $10 \times$  Belle II
- CKM matrix, CP measurements
- rare decays, CLFV searches, lepton universality



- **Superior impact parameter resolution**
- **Precise identification and measurement of secondary vertices**
- **ECAL resolution at few %/ $\sqrt{E}$**
- **Excellent  $\pi^0/\gamma$  separation for  $\tau$  decay-mode identification**
- **PID: K/ $\pi$  separation over wide p range  $\rightarrow dN/dx, \text{RICH, timing}$**

## Feebly coupled particles Beyond SM

- Opportunity to directly observe new feebly interacting particles with masses below  $m_Z$
- Axion-like particles, dark photons, Heavy Neutral Leptons
- Long-lifetime LLPs

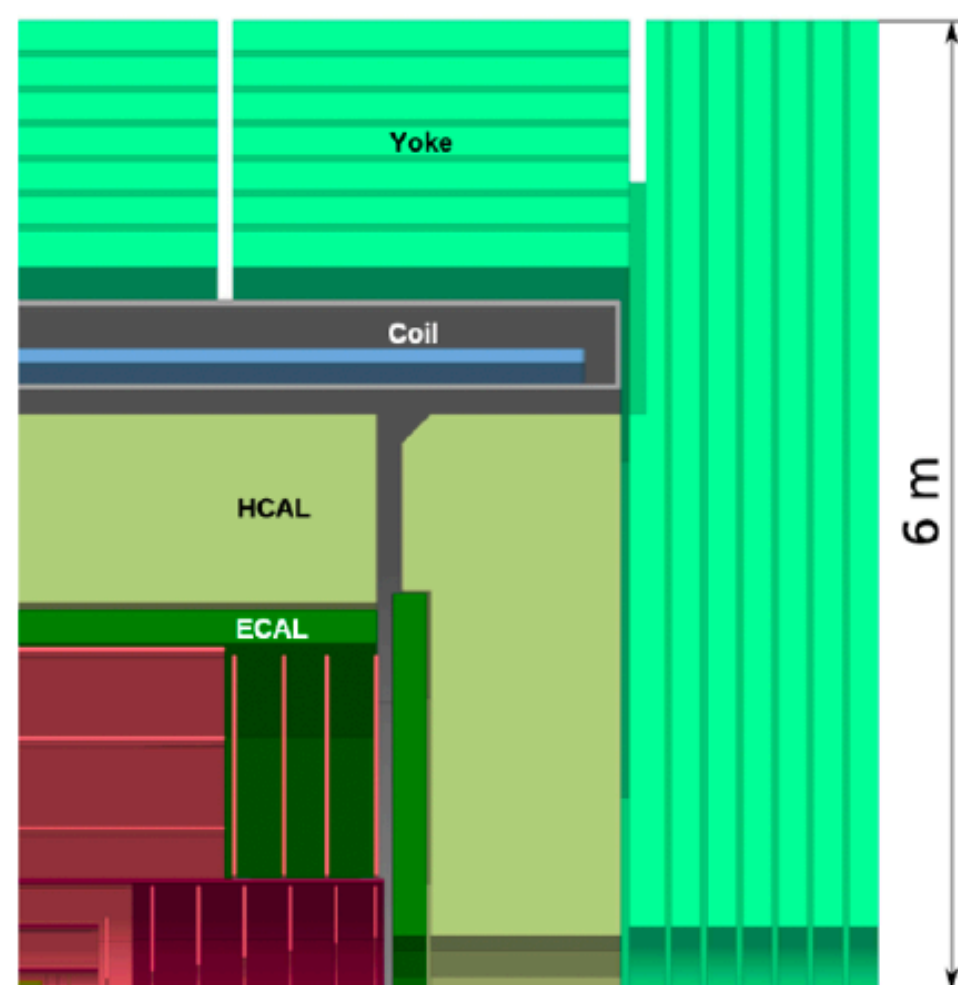


- **Sensitivity to (significantly) detached vertices (mm  $\rightarrow$  m)**
  - tracking: more layers, "continuous" tracking
  - calorimetry: granularity, tracking capabilities
- **Precise timing**
- **Hermeticity**

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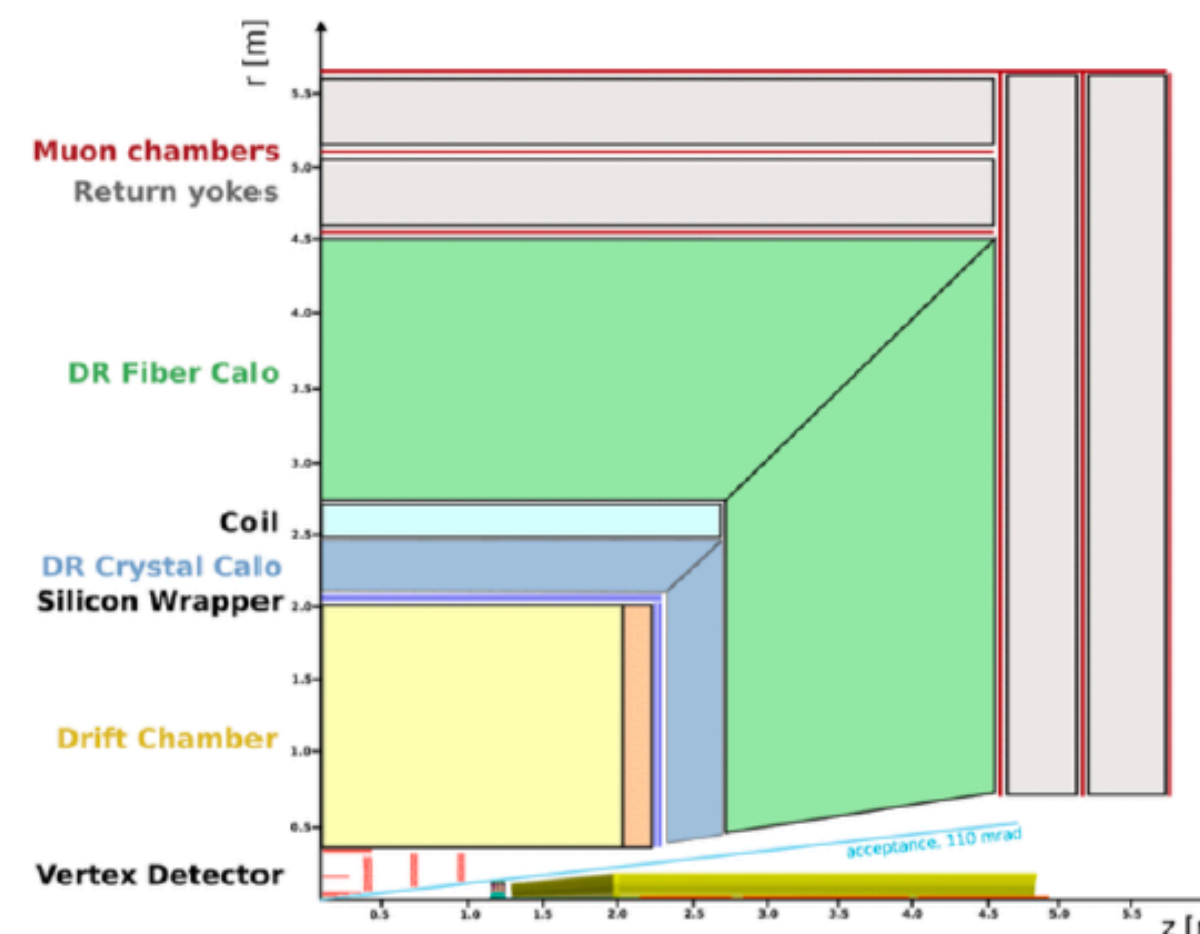
## CLD



- Well established design
  - ILC → CLIC detector → CLD
- Full Si VXD + tracker
- CALICE-like calorimetry – very high granularity
- Coil outside calorimetry, muon system
- Possible detector optimizations
  - Improved  $\sigma_p/p$ ,  $\sigma_E/E$
  - PID: precise timing and RICH

[arXiv:1911.12230](https://arxiv.org/abs/1911.12230)

## IDEA



- Design developed specifically for FCC-ee and CEPC
- Si VXD; ultra-light drift chamber with powerful PID
- Crystal ECAL w. dual readout
- Compact, light coil;
- Dual readout fibre calorimeter
- Muon system

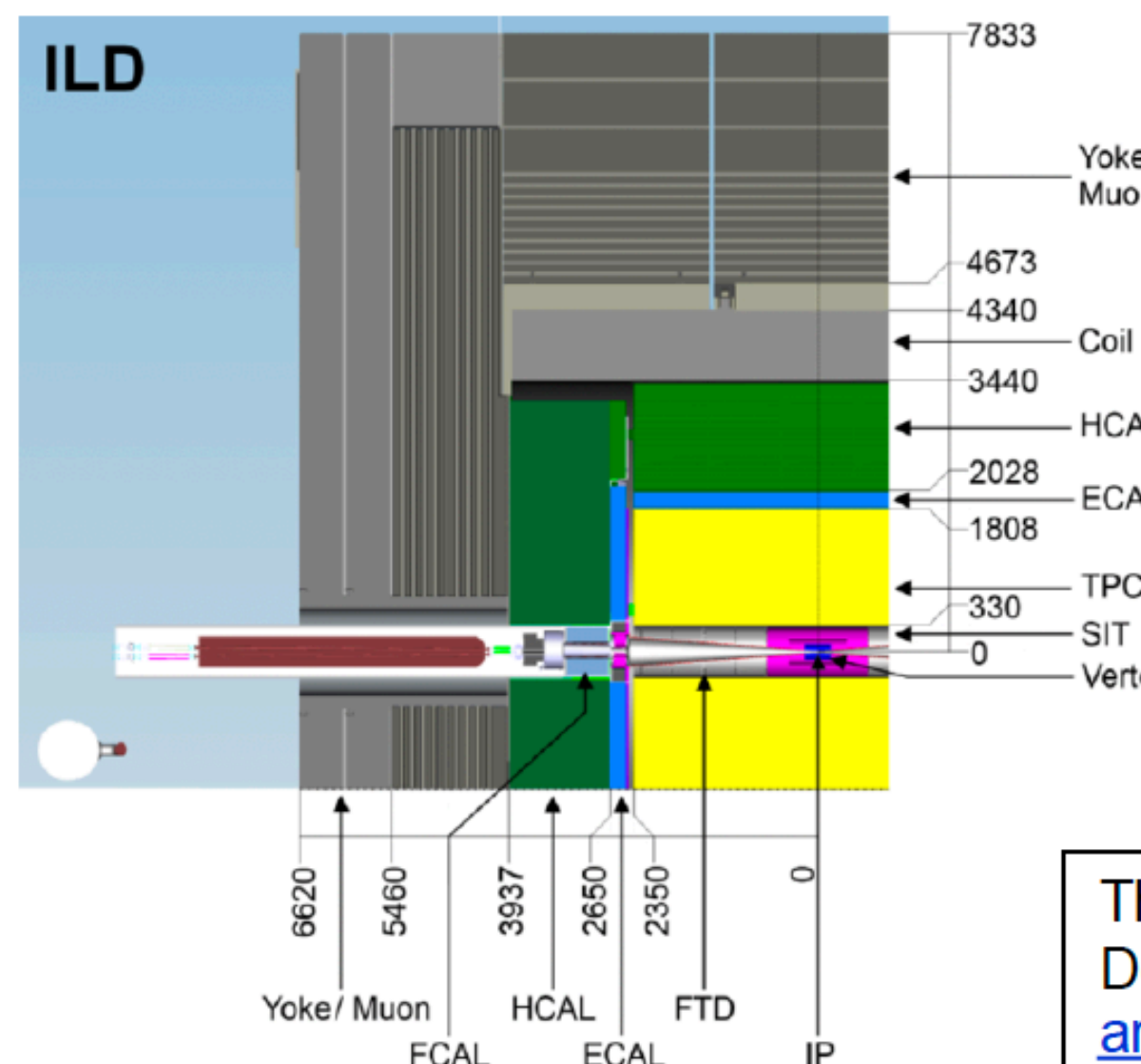
<https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2502.21223>

## Allegro



- Still in early design phase
- Design centred around High granularity **Noble Liquid ECAL**
  - Pb+LAr (or denser W+LKr)
- Si VXD
- Tracker: Drift chamber, straws, or Si
- Steel-scintillator HCAL
- Coil outside ECAL in same cryostat
- Muon system

[Eur.Phys.J.Plus 136 \(2021\) 10, 1066, arXiv:2109.00391](https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.00391)

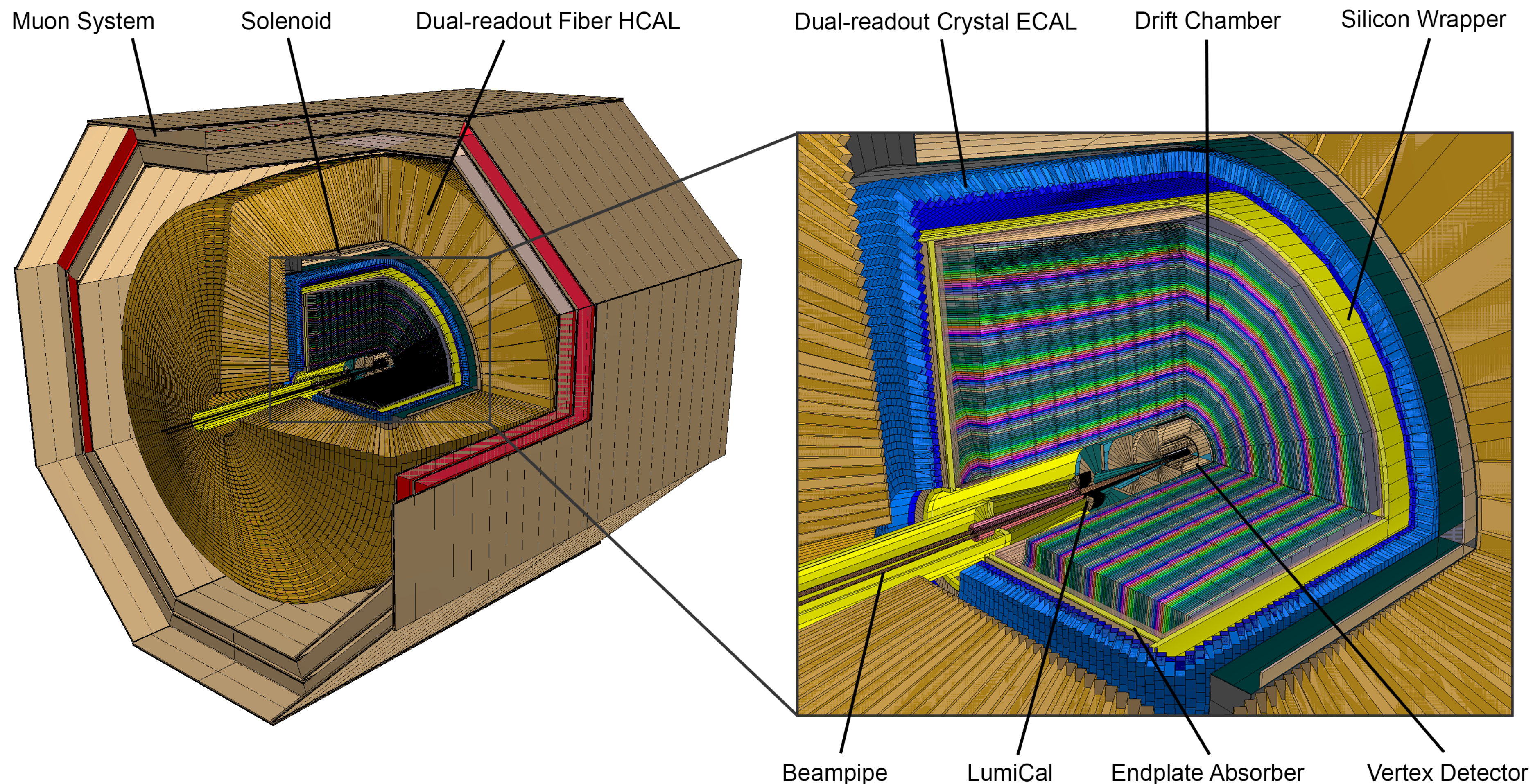


- Designed originally for operation at the ILC
- Together with SiD, ancestor of CLD.
- Main difference and signature element:
  - Large-volume time projection chamber (TPC)

The International Linear Collider Technical Design Report - Volume 4: Detectors  
[arXiv:1306.6329](https://arxiv.org/abs/1306.6329)

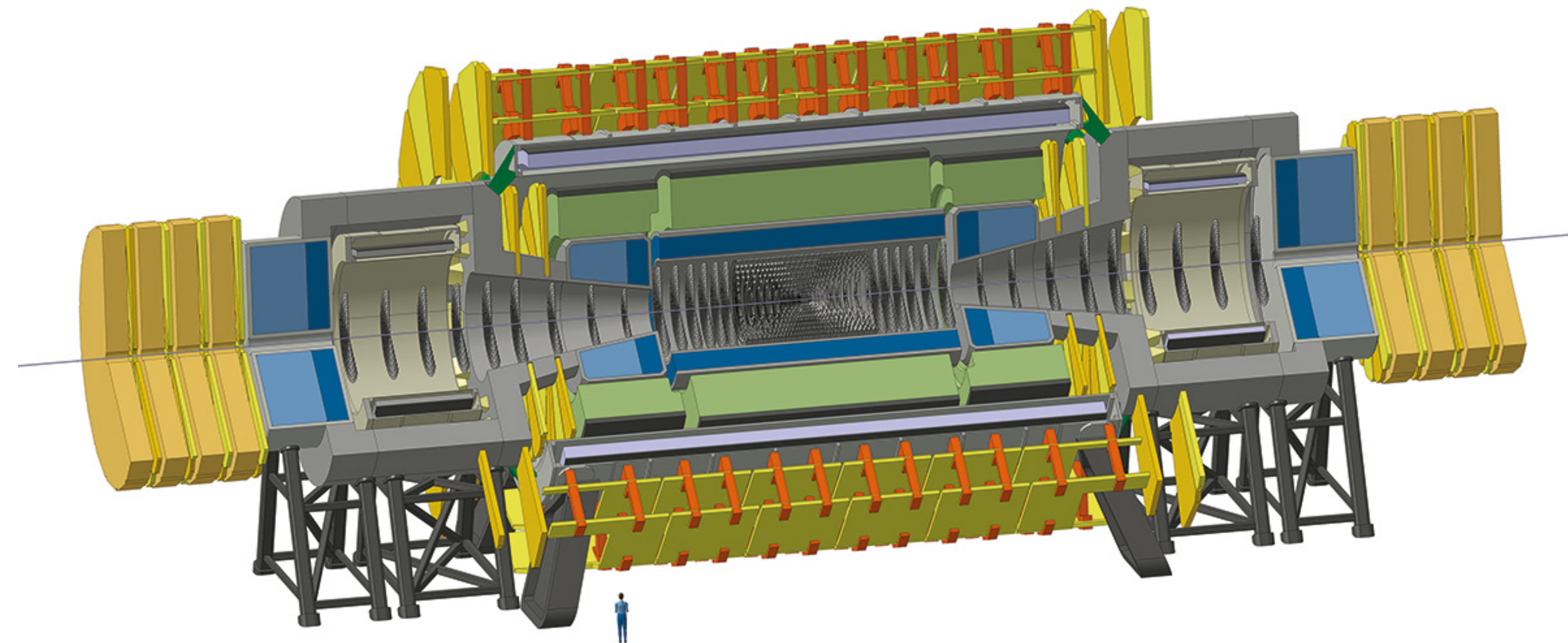


IDEA was proposed some years ago by several INFN researchers. It was the first detector conceived specifically for FCC-ee. It is probably the most ambitious of all 4 detector concepts.

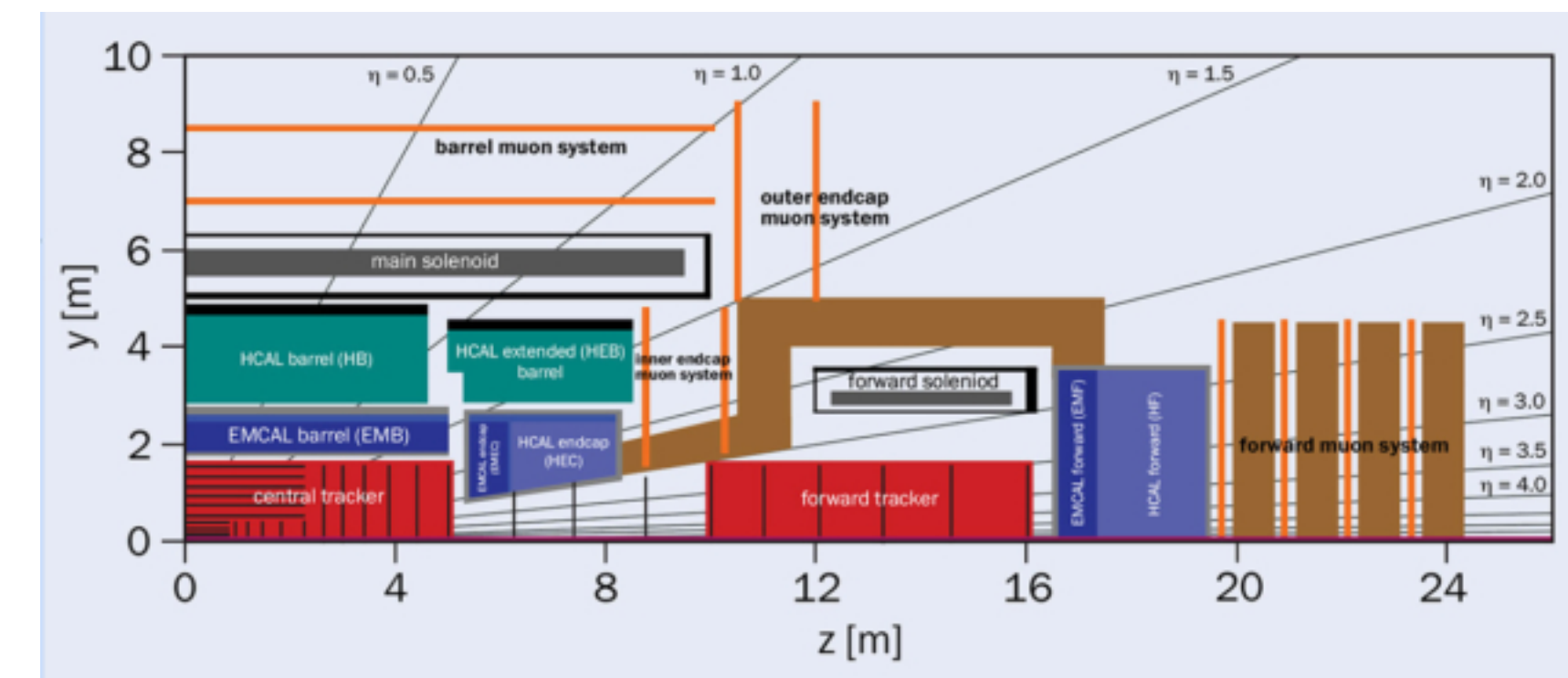




- pp collisions at  $\sqrt{s} > 100$  TeV, luminosity up to  $3 \times 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (up to 1000 pileup events)
- Central detector houses tracking, e.m. and hadron calorimetry inside a 4T solenoid with a free bore of 10 m diameter
- Forward parts are displaced by 10m from the interaction point, with two forward magnet coils
- The muon system is placed outside the magnet coils
- Overall length **~50m**, diameter **~20m**



→ No field return yoke for FCC-hh reference detector









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# Backup



4 experimental areas

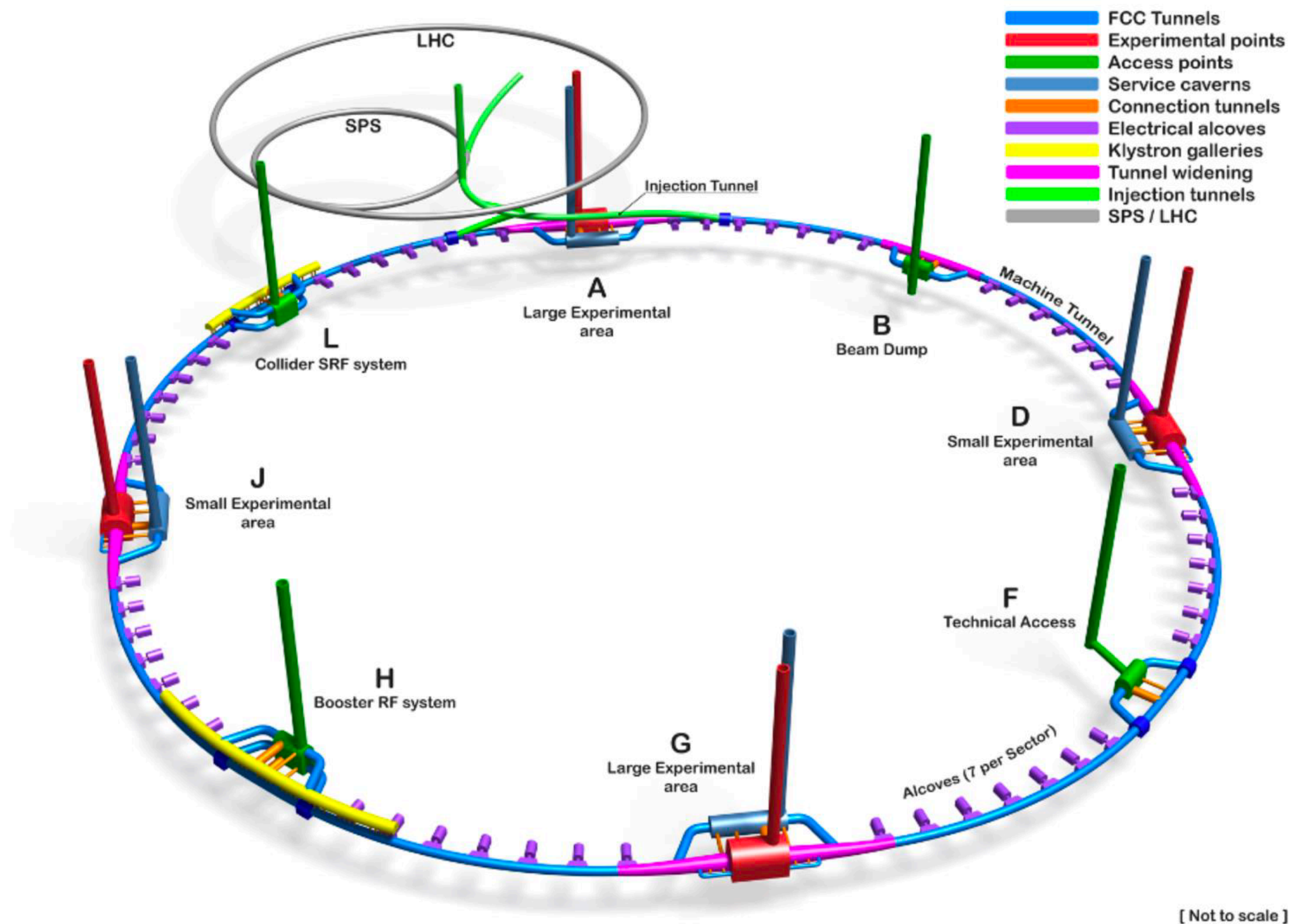
(4 experiments)

Point A

Point D

Point G

Point J





- Many sections of INFN teamed up and proposed the IDEA detector concept several years ago
- IDEA was designed to fulfil all the physics and detector requirements foreseen for FCC-ee
  - Provide outstanding performances at all FCC-ee centre-of-mass energy points
    - $Z^0$  peak
    - $W^+W^-$  threshold
    - $HZ$  peak production
    - $t\bar{t}$  threshold
- It is an innovative and highly challenging detector concept with beyond the state-of-the-art technologies

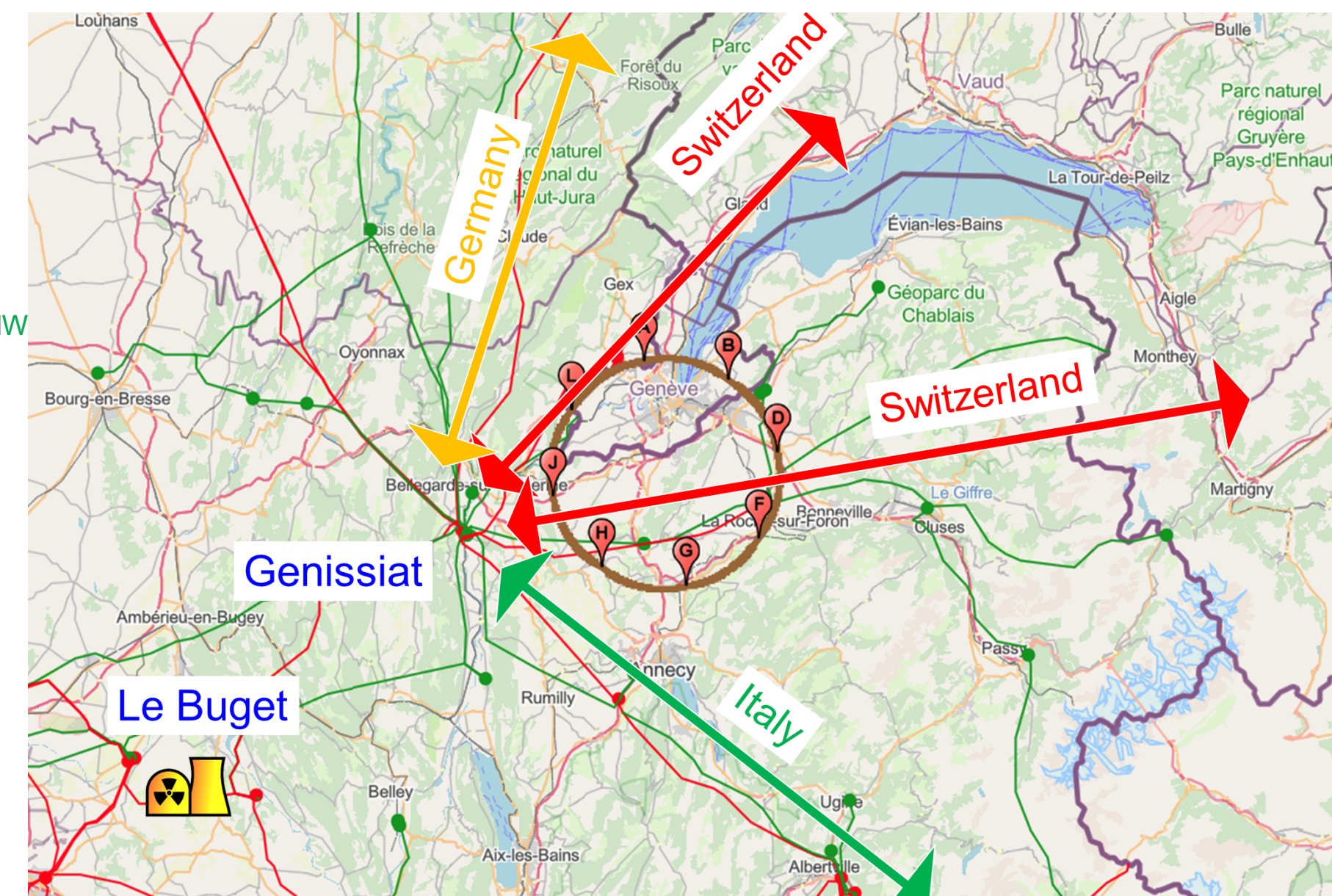
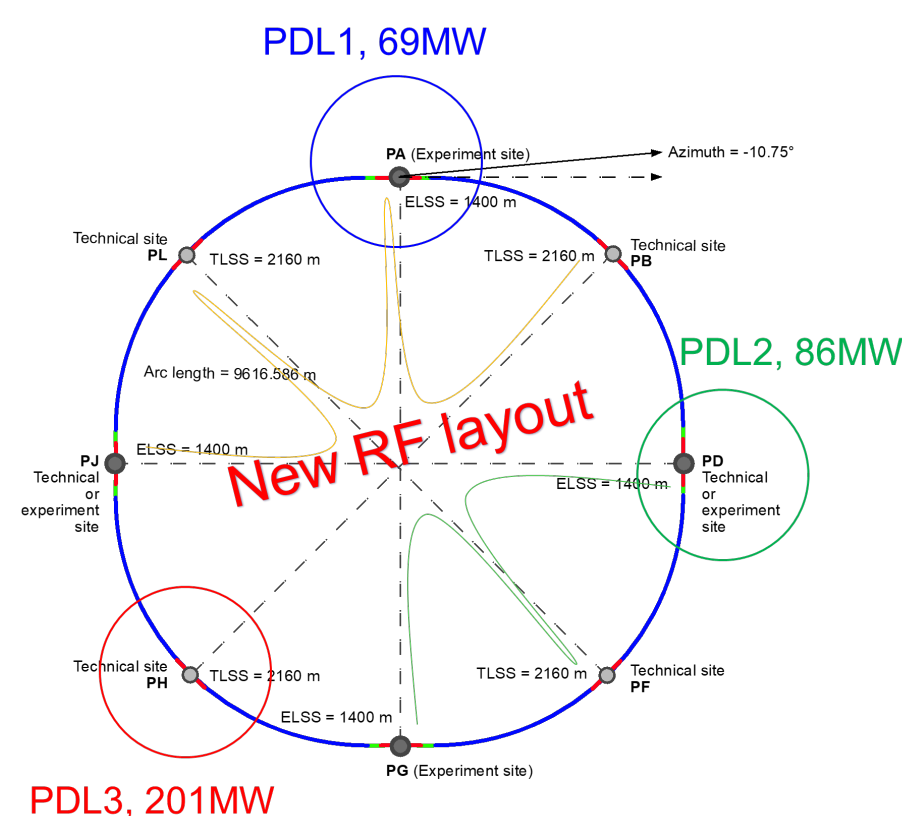


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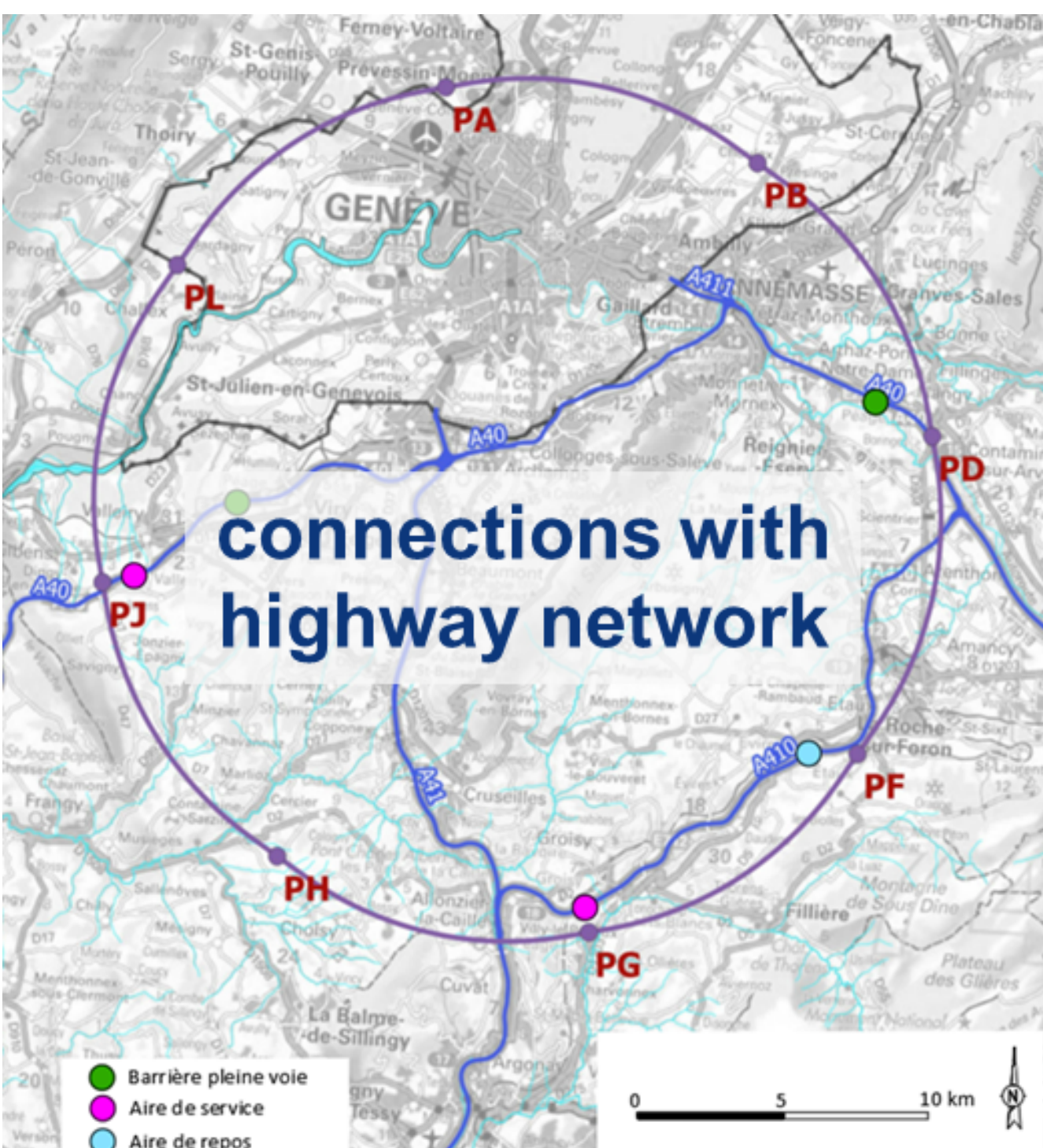
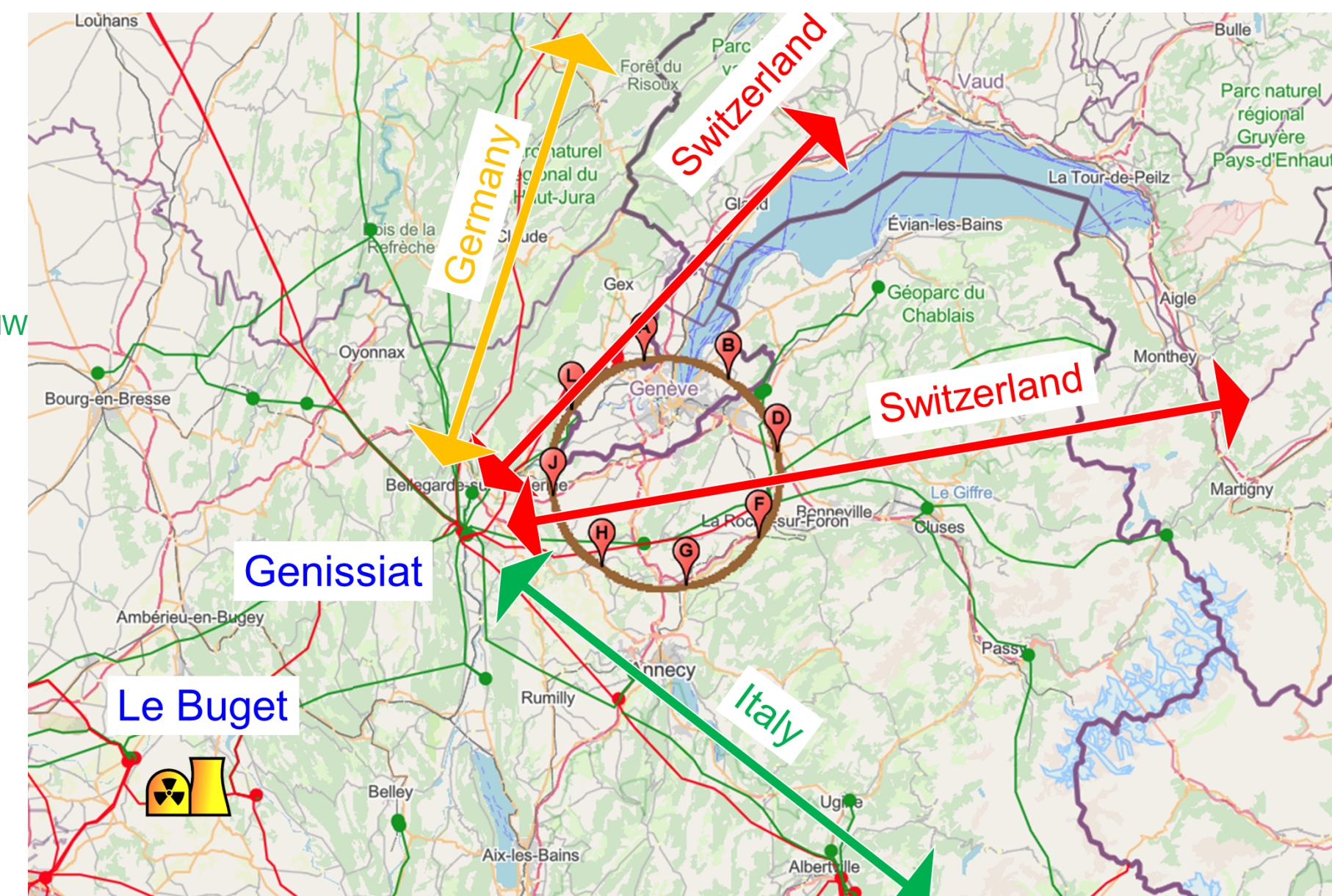
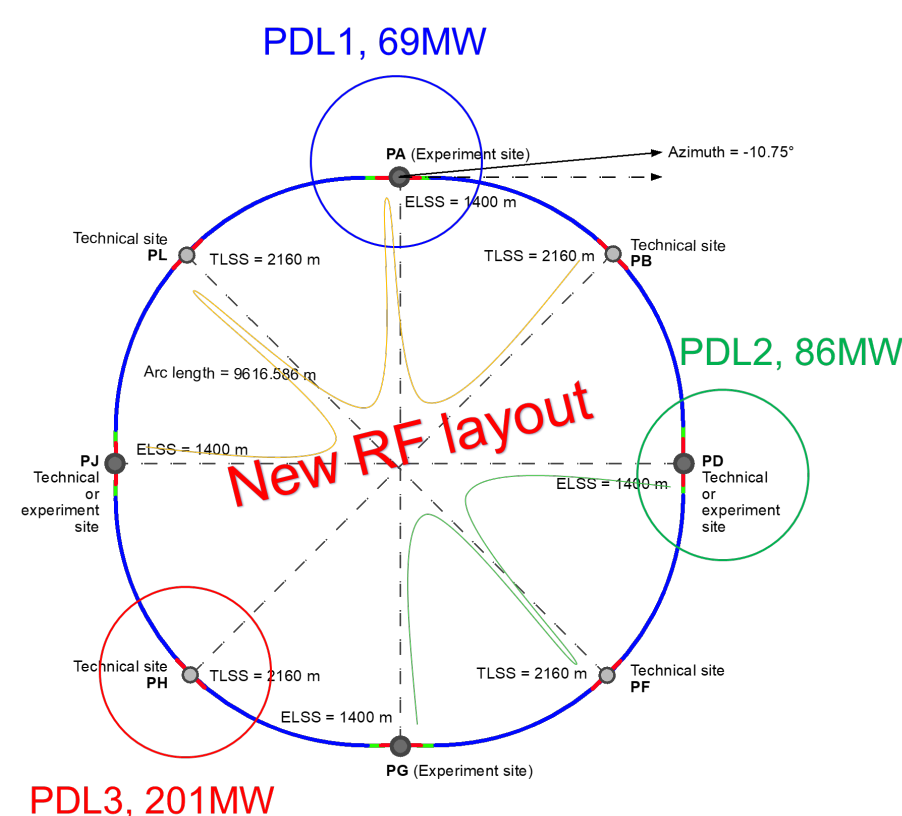


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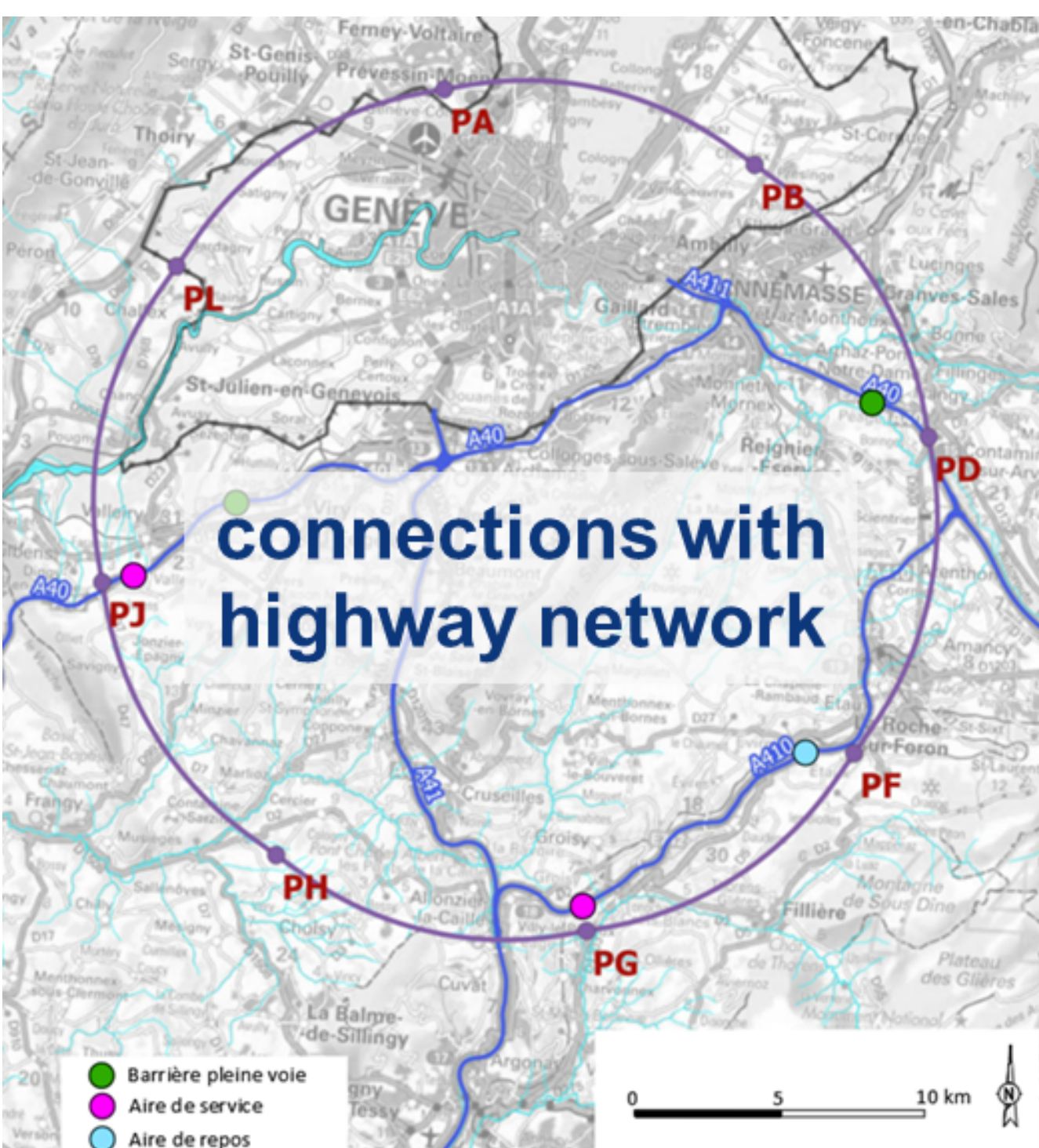
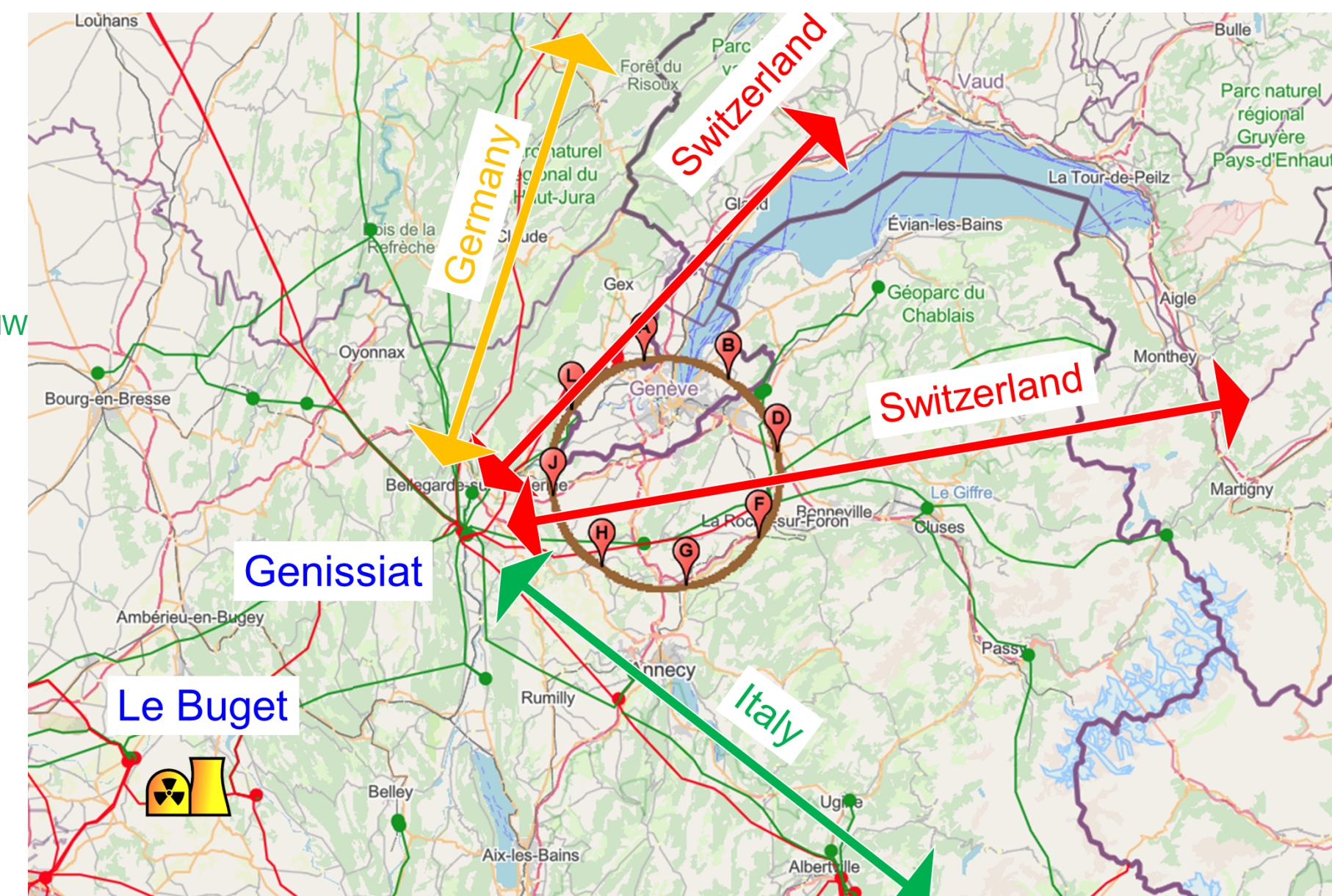
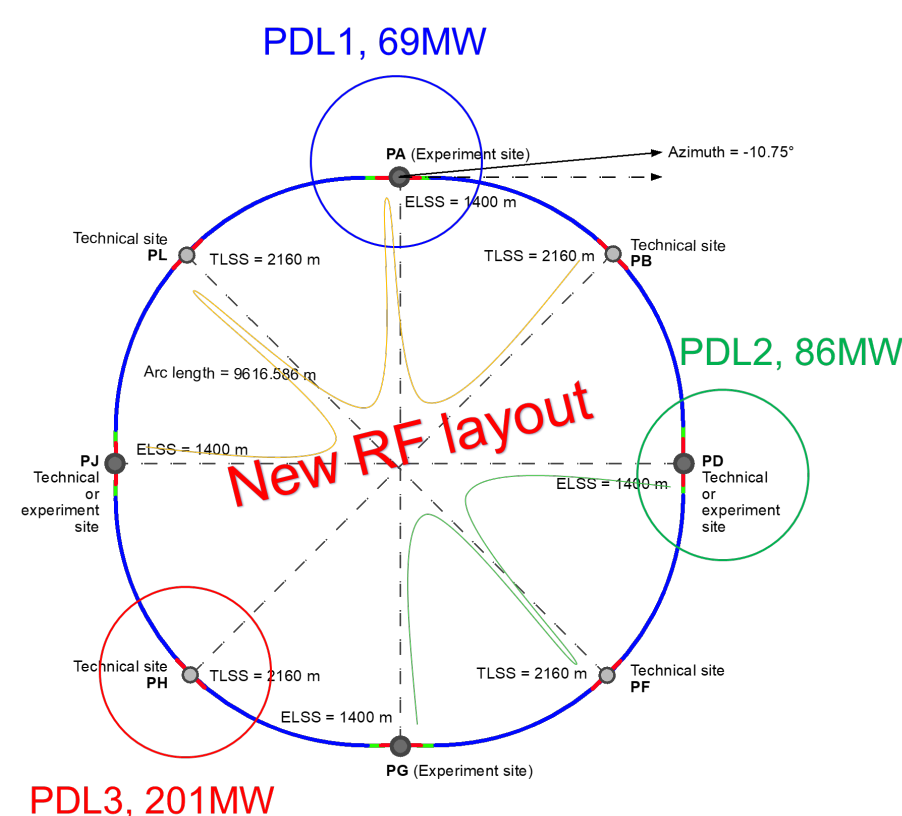


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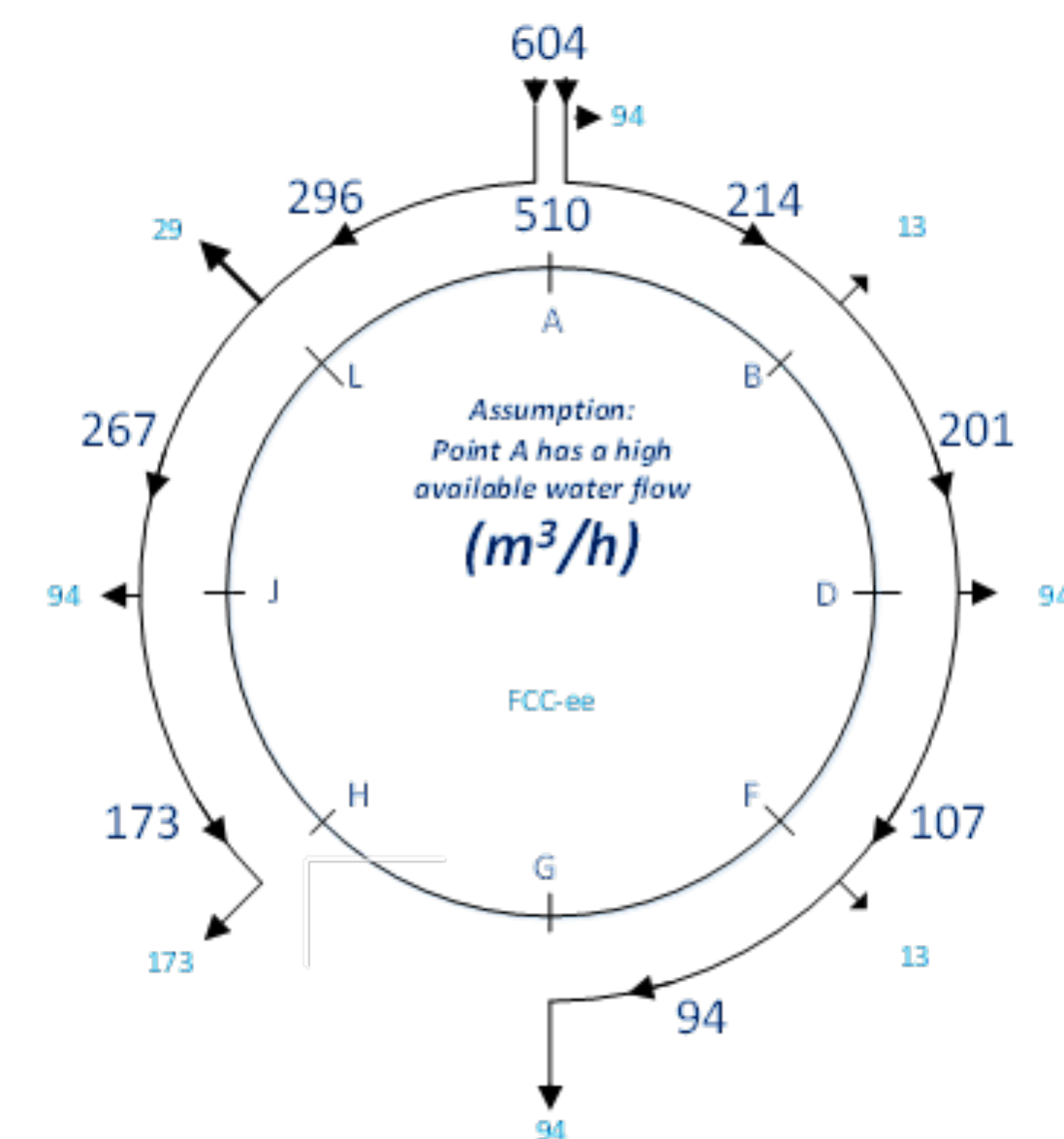
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**Raw water need:**

1 – 3 million m<sup>3</sup>/year

Water supply from lake  
Geneva via existing SIG  
supply to CERN

Distribution via tunnel





## Overall FCC-ee schedule

- 04/2025 – 06/2027 pre-TDR entire project
- 01/2026 – 12/2030 environmental evaluation and project authorisation
- **2028** **assumed project approval by CERN Council**
- 01/2028 – 06/2032 CE design and tendering
- 01/2032 TDR for collider and technical infrastructure
- **01/2033 – 06/2041** **CE construction work**
- 07/2039 – 12/2043 technical infrastructure installation
- **07/2041 – 06/2045** **accelerator installation**
- 06/2046 HW commissioning completed
- **07/2046** **start of beam commissioning and operation**
- **01/2048** **nominal beam operation**

## Injector Project schedule

- 12/2028 TDR injector project
- 01/2028 – 12/2030 CE design and tendering
- 01/2029 – 12/2031 Accelerator and technical infrastructure engineering designs
- **01/2031 – 12/2034** **Civil construction work**
- 01/2032 – 12/2040 Component production (rates for RF structures as for SwissFEL)
- 01/2034 – 12/2036 Technical infrastructure installation
- **01/2035 – 12/2040** **Component installation and testing**
- **01/2041** **HW commissioning**
- **01/2042** **Beam commissioning**

## FCC-ee construction and installation schedule

