

# The International Linear Collider A European Perspective

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## Abstract

The International Linear Collider (ILC) being proposed in Japan is an electron-positron linear collider with an initial energy of 250 GeV. The ILC accelerator is based on the technology of superconducting radio-frequency cavities. This technology has reached a mature stage in the European XFEL project and is now widely used.

The ILC will start by measuring the Higgs properties, providing high-precision and model-independent determinations of its parameters. The ILC at 250 GeV will also search for direct new physics in exotic Higgs decays and in pair-production of weakly interacting particles. The use of polarised electron and positron beams opens new capabilities and scenarios that add to the physics reach. The ILC can be upgraded to higher energy, enabling precision studies of the top quark and measurement of the top Yukawa coupling and the Higgs self-coupling.

The international - including European - interest for the project is very strong. Europe has participated in the ILC project since its early conception and plays a major role in its present development covering most of its scientific and technological aspects: physics studies, accelerator and detectors. The potential for a wide participation of European groups and laboratories is thus high, including important opportunities for European industry.

Following decades of technical development, R&D, and design optimisation, the project is ready for construction and the European particle physics community, technological centers and industry are prepared to participate in this challenging endeavour.

**Supporting documents web page:**

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The International Linear Collider (ILC) is proposed as an  $e^+e^-$  linear collider that can start operating at 250 GeV centre-of-mass energy. The physics case, technological readiness and political opportunities of the ILC are discussed in detail in the document: *The International Collider. A global project* [1] which is presented to the European strategy update process. The international support for the ILC is very large and Europe has strongly participated since the early stages of the project at the beginning of this century. The collider design and detector concepts are thus the result of nearly twenty years of R&D. The heart of the ILC accelerator, the superconducting cavities, is based on pioneering work of the TESLA Collaboration. This technology is the basis for a number of operating free-electron-laser facilities (European XFEL at DESY), under construction (LCLS-II at SLAC) or in preparation (SHINE in Shanghai).

This document complements [1] and discusses the European expertise on the ILC project for both the accelerator and the detectors. The document is based on the report [2] that was produced by the E-JADE Marie Curie project [3]. Possible European contributions to the preparation and construction phases are presented. It is based on the assumption that the ILC will be realised in Japan with strong international participation. It is proposed that CERN will play a leading role in the European participation in the ILC, along the lines described in the conclusions of the 2013 Update of the European Strategy, and also in a similar fashion to that developed for the European participation in the US neutrino program.

This report uses the same steps and timelines as the KEK ILC action plan [4]. The ILC **Preparation Phase**, currently foreseen for 2019/20-2022/23, needs to be initiated by a positive statement from the Japanese government about hosting the ILC, followed by a European strategy update that ranks European participation in the ILC as a high-priority item. The Preparation Phase focuses on preparation for construction and agreement on the definition of deliverables and their allocation to regions. The European groups will concentrate on preparations for their deliverables including working with and preparing European industry. Europe and European scientists, as part of an international project team, will also participate in the overall finalisation of the design, while in parallel contributing to the work of setting up the overall structure and governance of the ILC project and of the associated laboratory. The **Construction Phase** will start after the ILC laboratory has been established as an organisation, currently foreseen from 2023/24, and intergovernmental agreements are in place. At the current stage, only the existing capabilities of the European groups relevant for this phase can be outlined in broad terms. As mentioned above, the detailed contributions will have to be defined during the preparation phase and formalised by inter-governmental agreements. With the completion of the foreseen 8-9 year construction phase in

2031-32, the European groups will naturally be involved in the commissioning of both the accelerator and detectors.

This document first reports the European expertise and track-record relating to the accelerator in section II. Section III describes the detectors and computing. Following this, a short discussion summarises the current political situation, suggests how a European contribution might be organised, including the contribution from European industry and finally draws some conclusions.

## II. ACCELERATOR

Europe has a very strong scientific, technological and industrial basis with which to make significant contributions to the construction of virtually any part of the ILC accelerator. In the following three subsections, the past and current activities, the ILC Preparation Phase and the subsequent Construction Phase will be described, from the perspective of European capabilities to participate in constructing the ILC accelerator. A final subsection considers the organisation of the future ILC accelerator activities on the European side.

### A. ILC accelerator competence in Europe

The key recent and ongoing activities in Europe with high relevance for ILC are the direct European participation in the ILC Global Design Effort (GDE) and the Linear Collider Collaboration (LCC), the European XFEL (E-XFEL) project, the European Spallation Source (ESS) superconducting linac, the European participation in the ATF-2 [5] at KEK for linear collider studies, the E-JADE Marie Curie project [3], and the CLIC study [6, 7]. The following paragraphs summarise these briefly; a more comprehensive description can be found in [2].

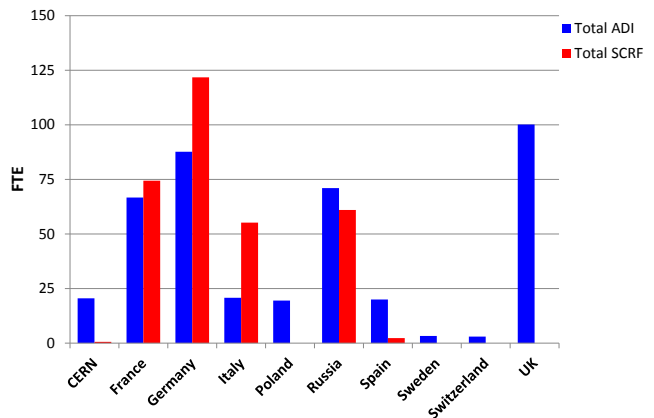


FIG. 1. The contribution to the ILC GDE (2007-2012) in staff years per European country, separately for SCRf and Accelerator Design and Integration (ADI).

During 2007-2012, the ILC GDE was responsible for the coordination of the worldwide ILC accelerator design. R&D and cost-estimate development during this period culminated in the publication of the ILC Technical Design Report in 2013 [8]. The estimated European FTE contributions (728 person years in total) during 2007-2012 are summarised in Figure 1, divided into accelerator domains and superconducting RF (SCRF) technology development (excluding management and documentation support). Note that the SCRF numbers represent ILC-specific resources and do not include the extensive synergistic contributions from the European XFEL during this period.

After the completion of the ILC TDR [9] in 2013, the GDE was replaced by the LCC. In spite of limited direct funding for ILC studies in Europe during the last five years, the combined efforts in several related projects have allowed European researchers to continue ILC project development activities in the framework of the LCC, in close collaboration with Japan. The most important of these projects has been the construction of the European XFEL (discussed in next paragraph). The ILC activities have been to a large degree focused on studies for implementing a 250 GeV ILC machine in Japan. These European activities are as follows:

- Participation in the LCC ILC-related R&D (SCRF, Cryogenics, High-Level RF (HLRF), Civil Engineering, Beam dump, Positron source, Radiation safety)
- Participation in the ATF-2 programme at KEK (nano-beams and final focus)
- Combined studies with CLIC in several areas (beam-dynamics, modelling/simulation, damping rings, Damping Ring to the Main Linac transfer (RTML), Beam Delivery System(BDS), Machine-Detector Interface (MDI), cost and power)
- E-JADE supported secondments of European researchers to Japan for ILC and ATF-2 related activities.

These activities involves groups in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, UK and CERN.

Beyond the activities listed above, the European XFEL project at the DESY campus is the most prominent demonstration of the European capabilities to contribute to the construction of the ILC accelerator. The 17.5 GeV superconducting linac at the E-XFEL comprises 97 ILC-like superconducting cryomodules, containing 776 1.3 GHz TESLA cavities driven by 25 10-MW-multibeam klystrons. The E-XFEL linac configuration is very similar to that foreseen for the ILC and can be seen as a 7% (in beam energy) ILC prototype. The cryomodules were produced by a consortium of six European countries together with predominantly European industries. The consortium members and the various responsibilities

across the linac-relevant E-XFEL work packages (including testing) are given in Table I.

	Germany	France	Italy	Poland	Russia	Spain
<b>Linac</b>						
Cryomodules	✓	✓	✓	✓		
SCRF Cavities	✓		✓	✓		
Couplers and Tuners	✓	✓		✓		
Cold Vacuum	✓				✓	
Cavity String Assembly	✓	✓				
SC Magnets	✓			✓		✓
<b>Infrastructure</b>						
Accelerator Module Test Facility (AMTF)	✓			✓	✓	
Cryogenics	✓					
<b>Sites &amp; Buildings</b>						
AMTF hall	✓					

TABLE I. Responsibility matrix for cryomodule production and testing for the European XFEL. More details and a similar matrix can be found in [2] concerning construction of SCRF modules for the ESS linac.

Construction of the European XFEL is now complete, and the SCRF linac has been brought into operation. The E-XFEL can directly benefit the ILC in several ways:

- The experience and knowledge gained during the unprecedented industrial production of 100 cryomodules over a three-year period can provide invaluable input to any future large-scale production for the ILC. The detailed cost breakdown of the E-XFEL cryomodules provides a solid basis for any future projection of a possible European in-kind contribution to the ILC.
- The currently ongoing commissioning of the E-XFEL and its future operation will provide invaluable system testing for the ILC, including understanding the ultimate performance of the modules with beam loading, beam control (Low-level RF development), software tools, and more general operational experience.
- The infrastructure that was constructed for E-XFEL cavity and module testing, high-power coupler conditioning and module assembly will continue to be maintained, and (in the case of the testing infrastructure) will provide a significant support for SCRF R&D.

The expertise and infrastructures established for the E-XFEL are now partially deployed in the construction

of SCRF modules for the ESS linac. The consortium is slightly different: Sweden and UK and several new groups from countries already involved in the E-XFEL have joined, while DESY is peripherally involved. The ESS effort is also strategically important for ILC, as infrastructures and industry capabilities are being updated and the procedures for SCRF module production are being refined.

### B. ILC accelerator Preparation Phase activities in Europe

The overall resources needed during the four-year Preparation Phase are estimated to be 5% of the material and 10% of the personnel foreseen for the 250 GeV accelerator project construction [10]. Irrespective of the final level of European investment into the ILC, it would be appropriate that, given its expertise and previous involvement, Europe invests 1/3 of the overall effort required in the preparation phase. The remainder of this section assumes this to be the case. This would then amount to a total European material budget of 85 M€ and 240 FTE-years, integrated over the period [2]. Distributed over four years, an average yearly budget of around 30 M€ (covering material and personnel) would be needed with an increasing profile from 2019 towards 2022. The resources required for the activities in the preparation phase are hence similar in scope to those used by existing project studies such as CLIC and FCC. One important difference will be that the ILC preparation requires a strong engineering team, such that the profile of the ILC personnel will be towards more engineering and technical design and will gradually become less focused on R&D studies.

The preparation phase will be used for three main purposes:

- Technical preparation of the major European deliverables foreseen for the construction phase. This covers final technical specifications, final prototypes, the preparation of pre-series orders and the preparation of local facilities. A particularly important point for Europe is the transfer of European XFEL know-how and the preparation of the relevant facilities for ILC construction.
- The second major technical activity will be the organisation of a strong European design office for ILC that will liaise with other such offices: there will certainly be a host-lab office in Japan, but additional international design offices will be required. In Europe, the installation of a central European Design Office at CERN with satellite offices in other European laboratories is considered the most viable model.
- The third key activity in the preparation phase will be negotiations about the final European ILC contributions, about the organisation of the project in

the construction and operation phase, and about a future governance model for the ILC. These issues are discussed in further chapters of this document.

The main technical activities are summarised in table II.

Activities in Europe	More details
SCRF activities	Cavity fabrication and preparation, Power Couplers, Automation of assembly, E-XFEL → ILC
High efficiency klystron R&D	Reaching 70% efficiency or above with several vendors
Cryogenics system	LHC system similar in size to ILC
Accelerator Issues	Domain Positron source, Damping Rings, Beam Delivery Systems, Low emittance beam transport, Beam dumps
Detector and Physics	Design optimisation, MDI, Technical prototypes, TDR, Physics Studies, Sodtware
Documentation system	Experience from E-XFEL
Regional Design office	Naturally at CERN, linking to other European National Labs

TABLE II. Main technical activities during the preparation phase.

### C. ILC accelerator in-kind contributions from Europe during the ILC Construction Phase

The actual contribution from Europe will be determined by negotiations at a later stage, and no formal commitments can be made at this time. The models chosen for in-kind contributions in this document, and discussed in this section, are as follows: Europe, being one of three major regions involved in the ILC project, delivers 1/3 of the non-CFS (civil engineering and conventional facilities) components of the ILC accelerator. The CFS work and components will naturally be constructed in and installed and commissioned by the host nation. The models follow recommendations given in the Nomura report [11] and are also drawn from the ILC Project Implementation Planning (PIP) document [12]. The models discussed correspond to an overall European contribution of around 1090 M€ and 1900 FTE-year to the ILC accelerator project.

Figure 2 shows the primary cost drivers of the ILC as identified in the ILC TDR [9]. The dominant cost driver is the production of approximately 930 SCRF cryomodules. Given European expertise, existing infrastructure, and proven industrial capability arising from the construction of the E-XFEL and ESS, it is widely assumed that a large fraction of the European in-kind contribution will be in the form of cryomodules. The ILC TDR

assumed that three, possibly four, production sites would be required worldwide. The European XFEL has been constructed by a consortium of several European countries, with DESY providing overall coordination. Based on this experience and the known published cost of the E-XFEL cryomodules, we have produced a model for producing and testing one-third of the cryomodule production (310 cryomodules). This model has then been used to scale to other possible contribution scenarios discussed below. The resulting cost per cryomodule is about 1.65 M€ (material and labour), including module production and 100% testing of cavities and cryomodules, which represents an approximate reduction of 26% over the actual E-XFEL cost. This reduction has been estimated through the higher production numbers and the re-use of existing E-XFEL production and testing infrastructure. Where applicable, a mild learning curve slope of 95% has been applied, assuming two vendors for procurement of all major sub components.

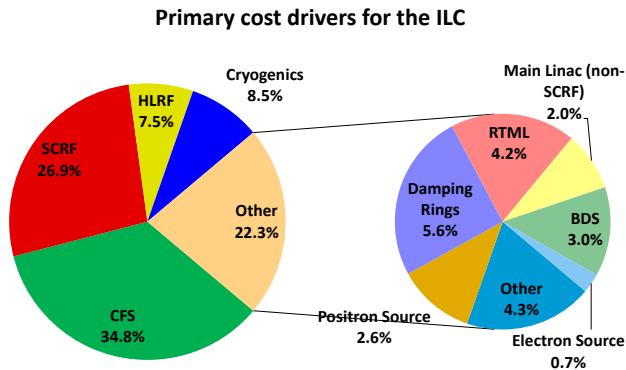


FIG. 2. Primary cost drivers for the 250 GeV ILC as identified in the ILC TDR [9].

Europe not only has expertise in cryomodule production, but also in many other of the subsystems required for the ILC. A European contribution to ILC could therefore include other items in addition to cryomodules. As an example, providing one third of the klystrons, modulators and associated controls (low-level RF) needed for the SCRf linacs would cost around 155 M€, one third of the cost of the cryogenics systems would be roughly 143 M€, and supplying a fraction of the accelerator components (vacuum, power supplies, magnets, computing and controls etc.) needed for the project could easily reach a cost of approximately 345 M€. Figure 2 also shows the ILC TDR costs broken down by both accelerator sub-system and technical components, not including CFS, installation or SCRf cryomodules.

The experience of the European countries, organised according to sub-systems, including overall design studies, are shown in Table III. There is significant potential for the countries to get involved in other activities than shown in the table, and for other European countries to

get involved, based on experience with other accelerator projects than those providing the information in the table.

As discussed in Section II B, 5% of the total value and 10% of the personnel are assumed to ramp up during the four-year preparatory phase. The profiles shown in Fig. 3 also includes a fraction of the expected lab services personnel, which will almost certainly be required during the preparatory phase.

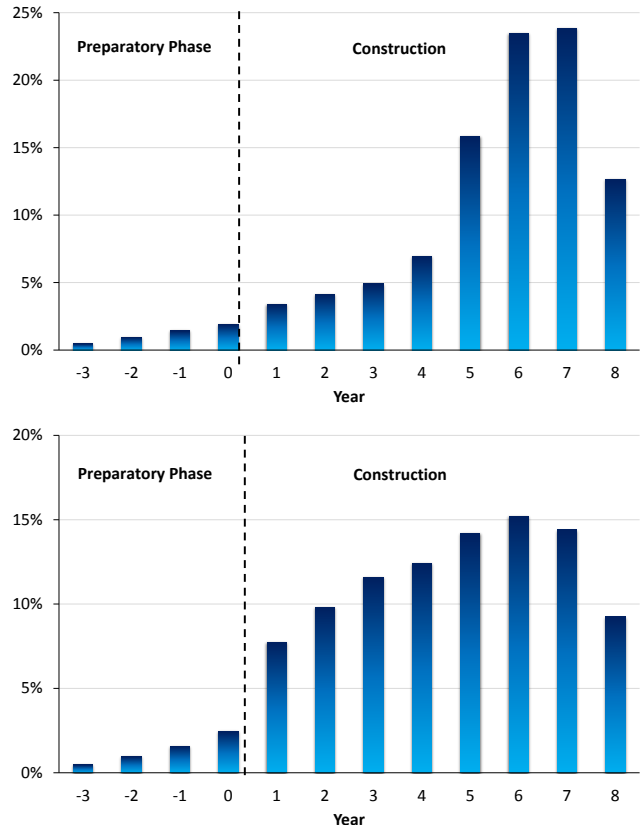


FIG. 3. An estimation of the cost and personnel profile cover the preparatory phase (years -3 to 0) and the construction phase (years 1 to 8) for the 1/3 model of a 250 GeV machine, as a fraction of the totals. In this timeline, year 1 corresponds to the first year of construction, currently foreseen in 2023 Top: material costs. Bottom: explicit personnel in FTE-years.

#### D. Organisation of the accelerator activities

In this short section, we discuss possible organisation forms of a European participation in the ILC. Given the physics interests in a future  $e^+e^-$  accelerator, the ILC project is likely to imply a substantial investment from the European perspective. This fact highlights the necessity for a high-level agreement about the level of European participation in ILC to be formalised between 2020 and 2023 if the currently assumed time-line of the

	SCRF	HLRF	Sources	Damping Rings	Instrumentation	Beam Dynamics	Beam Delivery System	Cryogenics
CERN		C,O	O	G,C,O	C,G	C,G	C,G	O
France	X,E,G		G		A,G	G	C,G	
Germany	X,G	X	G	G	X	G		X,O
Italy	X,E,G			G				
Poland	X,E		O		E,O			X,E,O
Russia	X		G					
Spain	X,E				A		C,G	
Sweden	E						G	
Switzerland					X,C			
UK	E		G	G	A,C,G	C,G,A	C,G,A	

TABLE III. European expertise relevant for ILC accelerator construction, based on experience in the recent past. This is based on two major construction projects, the E-XFEL (X) and the ESS (E), several more R&D oriented efforts namely the GDE/LCC (G), ATF-2 (A), CLIC (C) and experience in other accelerator projects (O)

ILC project is to be respected. On the accelerator side, the typical organisational model during the construction phase is based on a leading host laboratory supported by bi-lateral agreements for in-kind deliverables from other funding agencies and laboratories. This was the model used during the LHC construction. The exact organisation of Europe’s contribution to the ILC is not clear as of today and beyond the scope of this document. As documented above, there is a very strong potential for European contributions to the ILC accelerator construction. To organise a broad scientific and technical European ILC effort, involving coherent contributions from many participating institutes and countries, seems to be the most realistic and cost-effective scenario if executed with CERN in a leading coordinating role.

### III. DETECTORS

Detectors at colliding beam facilities are large international efforts, realised by strong collaborations. Typically many countries join forces, and contribute mostly in-kind to the building of the detector systems.

Within the ILC project, the community has come together behind two complementary detector concepts, the SiD and the ILD concept. After a call for “letters of intent” in 2009, the proposals submitted by SiD and ILD [13, 14] were down-selected for validation. The two detector concept groups then presented their Baseline Designs in Volume 4 of the ILC TDR [15].

#### A. ILC detector competence in Europe

Europe has participated strongly in the global work on the ILC detector concepts and related technological developments. Initiated by the TESLA project at the start of the century, an international effort was put in place to develop the needed detector technologies. This is augmented by strong national support, but also by Eu-

ropean programs like the EUDET initiative (2006-2010), the AIDA program (2011-2015) or the AIDA-2020 program (2015-2020). In Europe, both CERN and DESY act as a hub of activity and provide common infrastructures and facilities including test beams. Programs in Asia, in particular in Japan, and in the Americas have equally played an important role in the ILC concepts.

	Belgium	CERN	DESY	Czech Republic	France	Germany	Israel	Netherlands	Norway	Poland	Serbia	Spain	UK
Vertexing		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓
Tracking		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓					✓	✓
Calorimetry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MDI		✓	✓					✓					✓
Integration		✓	✓		✓							✓	

TABLE IV. An overview of recent activities in the area of ILC-related detector R&D and integration in Europe based on a 2015 survey [16].

A summary of recent activities in ILC-related detector R&D in Europe is given in Table IV [16]. This table includes activities for CLIC, but not other more generic detector R&D that can be applied to the ILC detectors. The strength in R&D as well as the work on the detector concepts has put Europe in a strong position to contribute significantly to the future ILC detectors.

The technological developments have been described in detail in [1]. The detectors at the ILC are very different from those at the LHC in that they can focus much more strongly on precision measurements. This is possible since the environment at an electron positron collider is much more benign than at a hadron collider. Radiation hardness hardly plays a role in designing the detec-

tors. Multiple interactions, which are a major challenge at the LHC, are essentially not present. There is no trigger necessary and every crossing with collisions present will be recorded. Due to the long gap between the ILC bunch trains power pulsing of the electronics is possible leading to significant savings in the overall power and material budget. These different boundary conditions allow a detector optimisation complementary to the one at the LHC. A focus on detailed event reconstruction, on high-precision vertexing and high-precision high-efficiency tracking and highly detailed imaging calorimetry is possible. As a guiding principle, Particle Flow has been widely accepted and is used by both SiD and ILD to characterise the performance of the complete systems.

European groups have played strong roles in nearly all areas of detector design and development for the ILC. Particle flow calorimetry as a core element of ILC detectors, has been strongly pushed by European groups, mostly within the CALICE collaboration. Many developments on high-precision vertexing, in particular in the area of Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors (MAPS) technology, have come from European groups. The development of high-precision gaseous detectors based on micro-pattern gaseous detectors has been dominated by European groups. Last but not least, Europe has played a central role in the Machine-Detector-Interface and integration issues of both detectors.

### B. ILC Detector preparation phase activities in Europe

The community is well prepared to move forward quickly once the ILC turns into a real project. We anticipate that detector construction will follow a path similar to that of the LHC detectors. Once the ILC laboratory has been formed, detector collaboration will formally start and develop concrete proposals based on the existing work for detectors at the ILC. To govern and organise this, strong central laboratory support will be essential. The host country would have to play a special role in this, but strong regional centres will also be very important.

In Europe, CERN would be a natural candidate for such a regional centre, but national laboratories like DESY or others could also play this role for parts of the detector. Examples for such more regional centres within the LHC are the Detector Assembly Facility at DESY, used for the construction of parts of the upgrades to the LHC detectors, the CMS centre at Fermilab in the United States, or the CERN neutrino platform towards a European role in the long baseline experiments DUNE and HyperK.

In contrast to the accelerator, within the overall guidelines defined by the host organisation the collaborations themselves will define and institute the needed structures to design and build the detectors. Strong support from the host organisation on all the issues of interfaces be-

tween the detectors and the accelerator is however essential.

During the preparation phase, there are four major milestones for the detectors.

- **Optimisation** After the approval of the ILC the design of the existing detector concepts will need to be reviewed and refined. We expect that the community supporting these detectors will grow substantially. The design will also profit from the recent experiences of the LHC upgrade program, and other major detector construction projects.
- **Integration into the ILC** After the choice of the final location of the interaction region of the ILC, the detector designs need to be adapted to the conditions of the site in terms of hall size, transport capabilities and assembly space. Even though significant preparatory work on these questions is already happening, much more will be required. In particular the experience from Europe and from CERN will be invaluable.
- **Prototyping and Validation** The ILC detectors have already reached an impressive level of maturity - more so probably than at any other large-scale HEP project at a similar stage in the past. Nevertheless the final designs and decisions will need a very vigorous and high-quality testing and prototyping program, to demonstrate the technical readiness, and to provide the basis for final technology decisions. This will require access to test beam and testing infrastructures in Europe and beyond, and will put particular demands on the test beam installations at CERN and at DESY. This process will continue well beyond the stage of the technical design report and approval of detectors, into the construction phase.
- **Technical Design Report for the detectors** At the end of the preparatory phase, ILC detector concepts will present detailed technical design reports to the community and the funding bodies. Based on these reports the final decisions on which detectors will be build will be taken.

Besides strong national support, the structuring of the European contribution should benefit from corresponding funding in upcoming calls by the European Union.

### C. Estimation of a European in-kind contribution to the ILC detectors

In high-energy physics, the financial contribution to the detector construction and operation is typically assumed to be proportional to the number of authors of the detector collaboration. In the LHC experiments, Europe accounts for about 50% of the members, in non-European experiments like Belle-II, European groups contribute

about a 1/3 share. Most likely an experiment at the ILC would be closer to a Belle-II-like model, though, given the large interest in the community, possibly somewhere in between Belle-II and the LHC.

Taking the cost numbers from the ILC TDR [15], the European share for the detector construction is in the order of 270 M€, which is comparable to the cost for the ongoing upgrade of the LHC detectors for the HL-LHC. At the moment, some 57 institutions from 14 European countries have expressed an interest in participation in ILC-related detector work, a number that will increase after the ILC approval.

#### D. Organisation of the detector activities

Traditionally, European groups have participated in projects outside CERN using bilateral agreements between the individual European countries and the host nation. One example is the European participation in the B-factories at SLAC and KEK or in the Tevatron programme at Fermilab.

More recently, the European participation in the long-baseline neutrino programme at Fermilab (LBNF/DUNE), while still being negotiated in the traditional bilateral way, has been augmented by the European Neutrino Platform hosted by CERN, which offers technical infrastructure and support for European groups working on detector and other contributions to long-baseline neutrino projects. CERN is also now formally a member of the DUNE collaboration. In any case, as already outlined in Section IID, our current assumption is that CERN will play a leading role in the European participation in the ILC, with strong support by the national laboratories.

#### E. Computing

As has been pointed out in the overall document on ILC [1], computing and data handling have been key to the successful feasibility study for the ILC. The ILC community has from the start invested in generic and widely usable tools. Starting from the initial development of a generic and detector-independent data model, the LCIO [17] framework, a powerful and at the same time comparatively simple software infrastructure has been developed. All parts needed to simulate and to analyse events from the ILC are available to the community. A key motivation for investing in this software and computing infrastructure has been to enable realistic and reliable studies on the science potential of the ILC. The Linear Collider Software is shared by ILC and CLIC, the concept groups, and most of the R&D groups working on linear-collider-related studies.

Europe has been a driving force in this endeavour. Strongly supported by both DESY and CERN and thanks to EU support in programs like EUDET, AIDA

and AIDA-2020, the Linear Collider Software has now been expanded for use at test beam experiments and beyond the ILC community.

In contrast to LHC computing, where a lot of the efforts are driven by pure size and data volume, the anticipated data rate from an ILC experiment is smaller by at least one order of magnitude. The computing architecture needed for ILC will follow the one for the LHC and while significant resources are needed to serve the experiments, these demands could already be met today without problems. The major computing challenge at the ILC will be the development and provision of advanced reconstruction and analysis tools, which will be capable of meeting the very challenging precision goals. In many cases, the requirements for these systems will go significantly beyond LHC/HL-LHC, and will require significant R&D. Europe is in an excellent position to play a leading role in this part of the ILC project, based on its experience in LHC computing, and its contributions to ongoing linear-collider computing.

## IV. DISCUSSION

The ILC with a scientific program as outlined in [1], ranging from an initial stage at 250 GeV centre-of-mass energy, and reaching to higher energies up to around 1 TeV, will make major contributions to our understanding of the universe. It will be a large-scale international facility, which will complement and extend the science done at the LHC. It will pave the way - primarily through precision studies of the Standard Model - towards answering very profound questions on the nature of our universe. The ILC will be central to define the route particle physics should take after the LHC, and thus not only make major scientific contributions, but will help to shape the future of the world-wide HEP program. Strategy processes on the national and international level have repeatedly come to the conclusion that electron-positron collisions are at this time essential for progress in our field.

We have described above the degree of preparation and of community involvement in the development of the accelerator and of the detectors at the ILC. This community is strongly committed - as shown by decades-long investment in the R&D and prototyping of technologies - to build the most advanced and best possible accelerator and detector. The community is already very sizeable as can be seen from the list of signatories of the ILC Technical Design Report which includes 2400 signatories, 48 countries and 392 Institutes/Universities. In Europe, the community has united behind the series of European-funded projects like (EUROTeV, CARE, ILC-HiGrade, E-JADE, EUDET, AIDA and AIDA-2020) and SCRF construction projects like the E-XFEL and ESS. This has resulted in Europe playing a very visible leadership role in the development of the ILC.



### A. Political synergy between Japan and Europe

Interest in the ILC in Japan has been steadily growing for many years. The perspective of hosting the infrastructure in the country is promoted by political (Diet Federation, Tohoku district) and industrial (AAA consortium) entities and finds strong support in the scientific community (KEK, HEP community, JAHEP). The project is being examined in detail by bodies charged by the Japanese government. The scientific interest and political engagement of partner countries is a major concern for the Japanese authorities. This applies to Europe in particular because of its expertise, capacities and involvement.

The political plurality of Europe necessitates an initial approach by the Japanese authorities via bilateral discussions with individual countries, where ILC may appear in a broader landscape embracing other advanced technology topics of mutual interest. This concept was first applied in January 2018 when an official Japanese Delegation visited France and Germany. The Delegation was composed of members belonging to the Parliament, to MEXT, to the AAA industry-academy consortium, to the Tohoku district governance and to the HEP community. Meetings took place at the French and German Parliaments and Ministries of Research. Some of the Delegation members took the opportunity to visit CERN's infrastructures. The plan was next to extend such discussions to other countries as well as European Institutions. This trip of the Japanese Delegation to France and Germany was complemented by several reciprocal visits of French and German Parliament members in Japan during 2018, where the interest of both countries in the ILC was explicitly expressed in the presence of a broad panel of Japanese political representatives assuming a contribution of Europe to the total construction cost in the order of 20% of the accelerator. This quantity matches the 1/3 contribution to the accelerator, excluding the civil engineering and infrastructure that are considered host responsibilities, and to the detectors as has been discussed in previous sections.

### B. Organization of an European contribution

Sections II D and III C give an initial understanding on how the future European contribution to the ILC project could be managed for both the accelerator and the detectors. It is proposed that CERN, with strong support from the national laboratories (DESY, Saclay, etc.) will play a leading role in the European participation.

In addition, bilateral agreements between Japan and interested European countries should also exist for specific studies, developments or deliverables. A similar scheme has already been put successfully in place for the

European participation in the long-baseline neutrino program at Fermilab (LBNF/DUNE).

### C. Leveraging the expertise and the production capabilities of European industry

With its strong academic and industrial involvement in the realisation of the E-XFEL, Europe is particularly well prepared to contribute to the ILC construction. Based on its comprehensive expertise and its demonstrated production capability for all main components of such a machine, European industry is poised to play a central role in the project realisation.

The example of the E-XFEL illustrates how technological innovation driven by particle physics impacts research in other domains, such as biology, pharmaceuticals and material science. Moreover, the technological advances provided by the R&D for the ILC and E-XFEL are now being used to realise other infrastructures such as the ESS. The achieved high performances of the E-XFEL technology resulted also in its adoption in the USA (LCLS-II at SLAC) and China (SHINE in Shanghai) for high-brilliance light sources, to be constructed in part by European companies which have realised the E-XFEL. These companies are well aware of the ILC project and follow its evolution with strong interest. Interactions with industry take place regularly e.g. at the international linear collider conferences in dedicated industrial sessions. These regular sources of exchange emphasise that the attractiveness of the ILC for European industry is multi-faceted; it is seen as a way to maintain technological leadership in this area.

### D. Conclusion

Europe has demonstrated leadership in both the accelerator and the detector part of the ILC project. Scientifically the case has been shown to be stronger than ever. European industry is technologically well qualified and prepared to construct important parts of the ILC accelerator and detectors. The ILC project is comparable in size to the LHC. The European involvement in a Japanese-hosted 250 GeV ILC, as discussed in this document, is around 20%. The ILC project fits well with the HL-LHC time-line moving into major construction around 2025 and will play a crucial role in encouraging a new generation of researchers to enter particle physics while maintaining present expertise. A strong European linear collider community exists which is eager to participate in the project and to strongly contribute to its realisation.

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## APPENDIX A: LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ILC TDR documents;
- ILC general overview, being specifically produced for the European Strategy Process;
- European ILC Preparation Plan (EIPP), produced under the E-JADE project;
- Linear collider Detectors R&D Liaison Report;
- Green ILC project: reports and web page;
- Letter from the KEKs ILC Planning Office.

### Supporting documents web page:

<https://ilchome.web.cern.ch/content/ilc-european-strategy-document>

## APPENDIX B: GLOSSARY

- **AAA:** The Japanese Advanced Accelerator Association promoting science and technology (<http://aaa-sentan.org/en/association/index.html>).
- **AIDA:** Advanced European Infrastructures for Detectors at Accelerators. AIDA was funded by the EU under FP7 (<https://aida-old.web.cern.ch/aida-old/index.html>).
- **AIDA-2020:** Advanced European Infrastructures for Detectors at Accelerators. The successor of AIDA; AIDA-2020 is funded by the EU under Horizon2020 (<http://aida2020.web.cern.ch/>).
- **CALICE Collaboration:** R&D group of more than 280 physicists and engineers from around the world, working together to develop a high granularity calorimeter system optimised for the particle flow measurement of multi-jet final states at the ILC running, with centre-of-mass energy between 90 GeV and 1 TeV (<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CALICE/WebHome>).
- **CARE:** Coordinated Accelerator Research in Europe. CARE was funded by the EU under the FP6 programme.
- **E-JADE:** The Europe-Japan Accelerator Development Exchange Programme. E-JADE is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) action, funded by the EU under Horizon2020 (<https://www.e-jade.eu/>).
- **EUDET:** Detector R&D towards the International Linear Collider. EUDET was funded by the EU under the FP6 programme (<https://www.eudet.org/>).
- **European XFEL:** The European X-Ray Free-Electron Laser Facility (European XFEL) at DESY (Hamburg, Germany) (<https://www.xfel.eu>).
- **EUROTeV:** European Design Study Towards a Global TeV Linear Collider. EUROTeV was funded by the EU under the FP6 programme (<https://www.eurotev.org/>).
- **ICFA:** International Committee for Future Accelerators (<http://icfa.fnal.gov/>).
- **ILC-HiGrade:** International Linear Collider and High Gradient Superconducting RF-Cavities. ILC-HiGrade was funded by the EU under the FP7 programme (<https://www.ilc-higrade.eu/>).
- **JAHEP:** Japanese Association of High Energy Physics.
- **Japanese National DIET:** The National Diet is Japan's bicameral legislature. It is composed of a lower house called the House of Representatives, and an upper house, called the House of Councillors.
- **LCLS-II:** The hard X-ray free-electron laser at SLAC (Stanford, USA) (<https://portal.slac.stanford.edu/sites/lcls-public/lcls-ii/Pages/default.aspx>).
- **MEXT:** Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (<http://www.mext.go.jp/en/>).
- **SHINE:** Hard X-Ray free electron laser facility in Shanghai.