

National Institute of Nuclear and Particle Physics

Radiofrequency superconducting cavities and high power proton Linacs



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Laboratories involved: IJCLab (Orsay)

• Nature: research infrastructure

 Status: International project under construction, mainly supported by the United States (DOE), India (DAE), Italy (INFN), France (CNRS and CEA), England (UKRI-STFC) and Poland (WUST, WUT and TUL)

Website: https://pip2.fnal.gov/

SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVES

The PIP-II project is part of an ambitious programme to study neutrinos. Its objective is to upgrade the Fermilab accelerator complex in the United States to provide a neutrino beam of unprecedented intensity for the DUNE (Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment) project (see DUNE fact sheet). The core of the project is the construction of a new superconducting linear proton accelerator capable of delivering a beam power of 1.2 MW on target from the existing rings.

RESOURCES DEPLOYED

The new superconducting linear accelerator will provide a continuous 2 mA H⁻ ion beam up to an energy of 800 MeV. It will consist of a short hot section equipped with a radio frequency quadrupole (pre-acceleration to 2.1 MeV and beam bundling). The final beam is converted into H⁺ protons, accelerated to 8 GeV in the first ring (booster) for the production of low-energy neutrinos, then raised to an energy of between 60 and 120 GeV in two rings (Recycler ring/Main injector) for the production of high-energy protons, high-energy neutrinos and muons.

215 metres: total length of the linear accelerator

15 international institutes

1.2 MW of protons on target

800 MeV: proton energy

2027 first beam in the accelerator

IN2P3 CONTRIBUTIONS

- Participation in the development, construction and validation of 33 Spoke type superconducting accelerator cavities (SSR2).
- Construction of prototype components (power coupler and tuning system) in view of their qualification for series production.

OTHER FRENCH LABORATORIES INVOLVED
Irfu (CEA Saclay)

2015

Start of the PIP-II project at Fermilab (CD-0)

2018

Start of the collaboration and signature of the SOI (Statement Of Interest)

2019

Start of civil engineering works (Ground-breaking)

2022

Reception and qualification of the SSR2 prototype cavities at the IJCLab.

2025

Expected start of the installation of the cryo-accelerators in the tunnel

2027

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Planned start of operation of the superconducting linear accelerator

2028

Beam injection into the booster

*Since 2018 April 2022