8th Beta-beam Task Meeting Introduction - Status

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Where do we stand

- Month 45 in the 54-months Design Study (initially 48 months).
- Three milestones due in October 2008 (i.e. months 45)
 - M2.3 Final design low energy ring(s)
 - M3.3 Study of ion acceleration in PS and SPS and potential upgrades
 - M4.3 Decay ring design \rightarrow focus of today's meeting
- The remaining deliverables are:
 - D1 Design of low energy rings
 - D2 Ion acceleration scenarios in PS and SPS
 - D3 Design of decay ring
 - D4 Conceptual design report for a beta-beam facility
- All due at the end of the study i.e. July 2009.

Objectives from Annex 1

The objective is to do a Conceptual Design Study (CDS), covering all accelerator physics aspects, to demonstrate the feasibility of a beta-beam facility.

The final report will contain:

- the optics design of the accelerator chain,
- beam dynamic simulations of critical processes,
- a loss management concept

- first stage technical designs demonstrating the feasibility of critical hardware \rightarrow collimation, SC magnets, 40/80 MHz RF, RCS magnets

- a facility layout \rightarrow only conceptual, no TL design, no TI, no CV.
- a cost estimate \rightarrow overall no detailed breakdown, Linac, RCS, DR

Recent developments and activities

- Decay ring
 - Collimation studies with ACCSIM + FLUKA
 - Particle load on primary collimators during merging, bunch shortening (longitudinal halo)
 - Worst case for collimator design
 - Tracking of scattered, secondary particles
 - Concepts for 40/80 MHz RF systems
- RP studies for beta-beam accelerators
 - PS machine, SPS, Decay Ring
- RCS
 - Chopper system to improve loss pattern from trapping
- Final Report
 - First drafts of main chapters (Baseline scenario, RCS, DR, ..)

Technical issues for the next months

- Completion and check of parameter list
- Collimation in the Decay Ring
 - Simulation + beams loads + system layout
 - Collimator pre designs (material, dimensions, etc.)
 - Absorbers and SC magnet protection
- Decay Ring RF system
 - "Rough" concept for the 40/80 MHz systems
 - RF system parameters, comparable systems
- Technical systems for all machines
 - Concepts or comparable existing systems
 - References for feasibility, cost estimates
- Cost estimates

Time schedule

- 9 months left until end of the study (July 2009)
 - October 08 March 08 for technical items
 - In parallel preparation of final reports
 - April 08 July 08 editing of final reports, coherency with EURISOL, etc.

Programme

09:00	Welcome and introduction	M. Benedikt
09:15	Beta-beams in the FP7 Euro-v programme	E. Wildner
09:45	Status of the 60GHz source	T. Thuillier
10:15	Beam chopping for RCS injection	A. Lachaize
10:30 COFFEE		
11:00	Extension of the StrahlSim code	P. Spiller
11:20	40-80 MHz RF system for the decay ring	E. Jensen
11:40	DR main magnets: design, cost estimate and infrastructure requirements	J. Bruer
12:20 LUNCH		
14:00	DR Radiation protection studies	S. Trovati
14:30	DR Momentum collimation	P. Delahaye
15:00	RIB production for β -beams in EURISOL FP6	T. Stora
15:20	COFFEE	
15:45	Preparation of final deliverables Final Report Deliverables D1-D3	All
17:00	Discussion and conclusions	All
17:30	Steering committee	
18:00	END	