

Contribution to the Spiro Committee on the Future of GANIL

GANIL was established some 40 years ago and has a long history of contributions to nuclear and heavy-ion physics and related applications. Over the last decade, GANIL has traversed a difficult period, in particular through delays to SPIRAL2, the cancellation of Phase 2 and the inevitable competition from facilities elsewhere. In this submission we provide some observations and recommendations concerning the future of GANIL in terms of its management, its integration with the national community and its evolution within a European and broader international context. We make these suggestions in the belief that GANIL has a clear potential to be an internationally leading facility again, building on the soon to be completed SPIRAL2 installation. We also believe, however, that to advance in such a direction requires change and reform.

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