

EUROPEAN
PLASMA RESEARCH
ACCELERATOR WITH
EXCELLENCE IN
APPLICATIONS



EuPRAXIA

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Building a facility with very high field plasma accelerators, driven by lasers or beams
1 – 100 GV/m accelerating field

Shrink down the facility size
Improve Sustainability

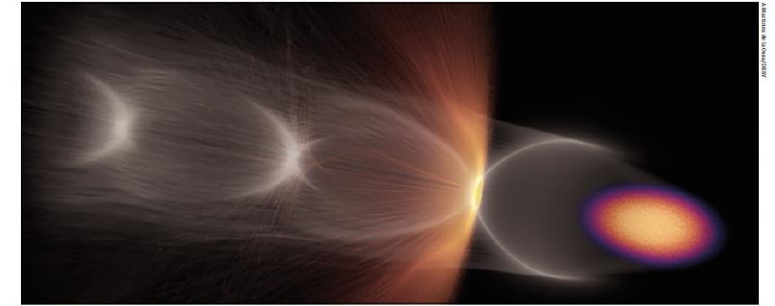
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Producing particles and photons to support several urgent and timely science cases

Drive short wavelength FEL
Pave the way for future Linear Colliders

<https://www.eupraxia-facility.org/>

FEATURE EoPRAXIA



Surf's up Simulation of electron-driven plasma wakefield acceleration, showing the drive electron beam (orange/purple), the plasma electron wake (grey) and wakefield-ionised electrons forming a witness beam (orange).

EUROPE TARGETS A USER FACILITY FOR PLASMA ACCELERATION

Ralph Assmann, Massimo Ferrario and Carsten Welsch describe the status of the ESFRI project EuPRAXIA, which aims to develop the first dedicated research infrastructure based on novel plasma-acceleration concepts.

Energetic beams of particles are used to explore the fundamental forces of nature, produce known and unknown particles such as the Higgs boson at the LHC, and generate new forms of matter, for example at the future FAIR facility. Photon science also relies on particle beams: electron beams that emit pulses of intense synchrotron light, including soft and hard X-rays, in either circular or linear machines. Such light sources enable time-resolved measurements of biological, chemical and physical structures on the molecular down to the atomic scale, allowing a diverse global community of users to investigate systems ranging from viruses and bacteria to materials science, planetary science, environmental science, nanotechnology and archaeology. Last but not least, particle beams for industry and health support many societal applications ranging from the X-ray inspection of cargo containers to food sterilisation, and from chip manufacturing to cancer therapy.

This scientific success story has been made possible through a continuous cycle of innovation in the physics and technology of particle accelerators, driven for many decades by exploratory research in nuclear and particle physics. The invention of radio-frequency (RF) technology in the 1920s opened the path to an energy gain of several tens of MeV per metre. Very-high-energy accelerators were constructed with RF technology, entering the GeV and finally the TeV energy scales at the Tevatron and the LHC. New collision schemes were developed, for example the mini "beta squeeze" in the 1970s, advancing luminosity and collision rates by orders of magnitudes. The invention of stochastic cooling at CERN enabled the discovery of the W and Z bosons 40 years ago.

However, intrinsic technological and conceptual limits mean that the size and cost of RF-based particle accelerators are increasing as researchers seek higher beam energies. Colliders for particle physics have reached a

THE AUTHORS

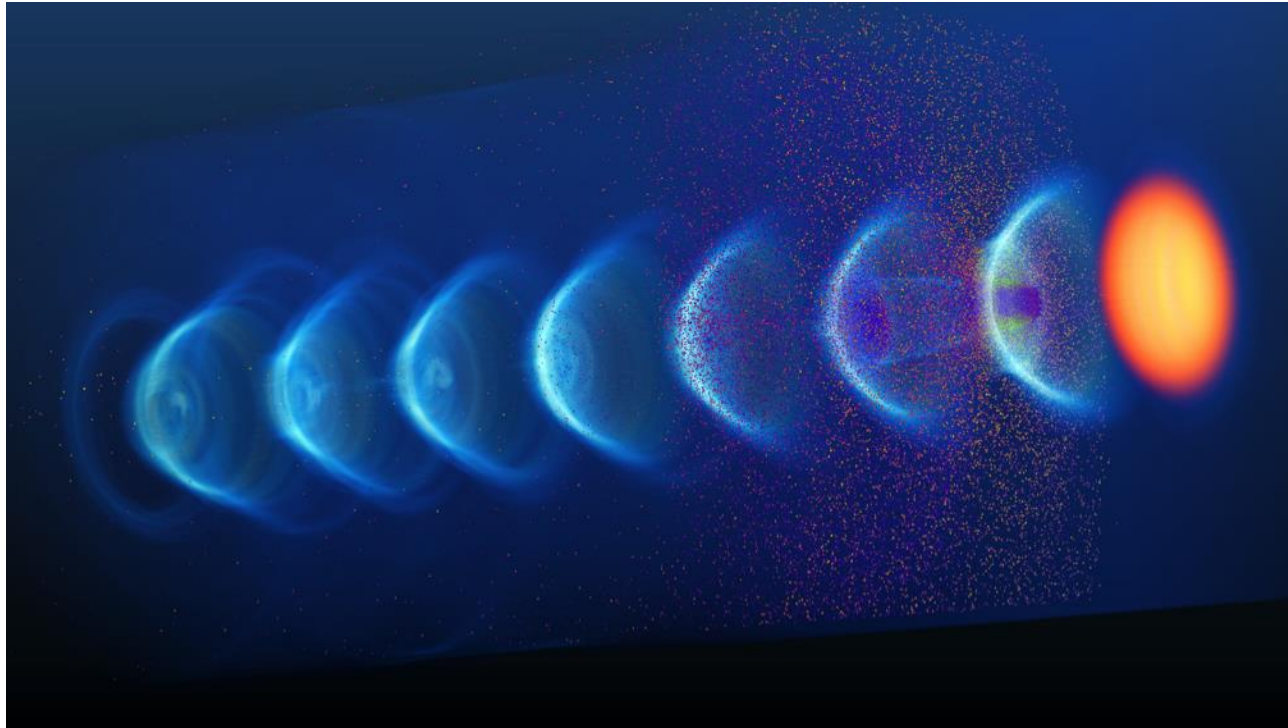
Ralph Assmann
DESY and INFN,
Massimo Ferrario
INFN, Carsten
Welsch University of
Liverpool/INFN.

- First ever design of a **plasma accelerator facility**.
- **Conceptual Design Report for a distributed research infrastructure** funded by EU Horizon2020 program. Completed by 16+25 institutes.
- Challenges addressed by EuPRAXIA since 2015:
 - **Can plasma accelerators produce usable electron beams?**
 - **For what can we use those beams** while we increase the beam energy towards HEP and collider usages?
- Next phase consortium, ESFRI: **> 50 institutes**
- Preparatory Phase project: **2022 – 2026** (approved)
- Start of 1st operation: **2029**

<http://www.eupraxia-project.eu>

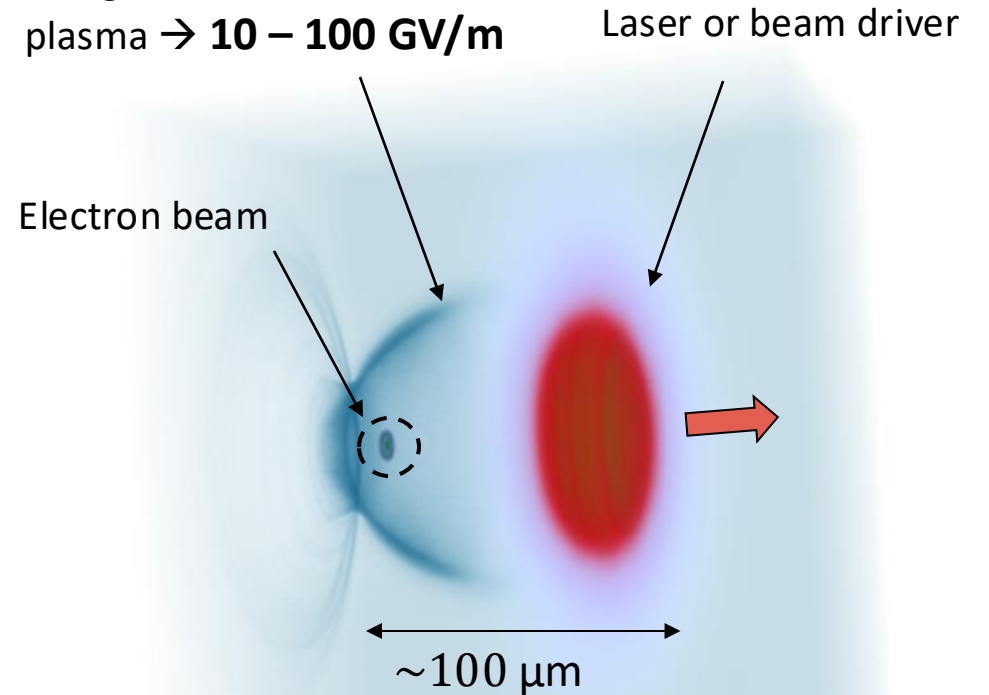


600+ page CDR, 240 scientists contributed



Illustrations from A. Ferran Pousa

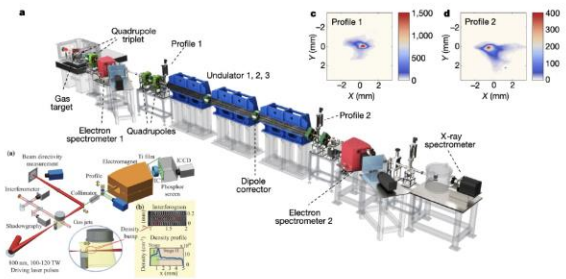
Wakefield due to space charge oscillation inside plasma → **10 – 100 GV/m**



Very strong fields can be produced in plasmas and we know how to construct a particle accelerator with them (idea of Tajima & Dawson 1979). **A 1 TeV collider in 10-100 meters? Not so easy...**



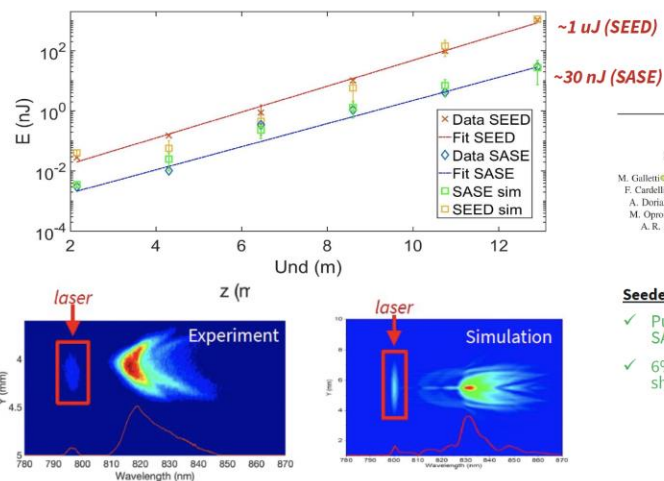
W. T. Wang, K. Feng, et al., *Nature*, 595, 561 (2021).



Recent ground-breaking result in China

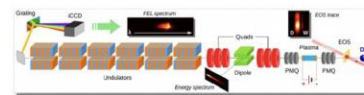
500 MeV electron beam from a laser wakefield accelerator

FEL lasing **amplification of 100** reached at 27 nm wavelength (average radiation energy 70 nJ, peak up to 150 nJ)

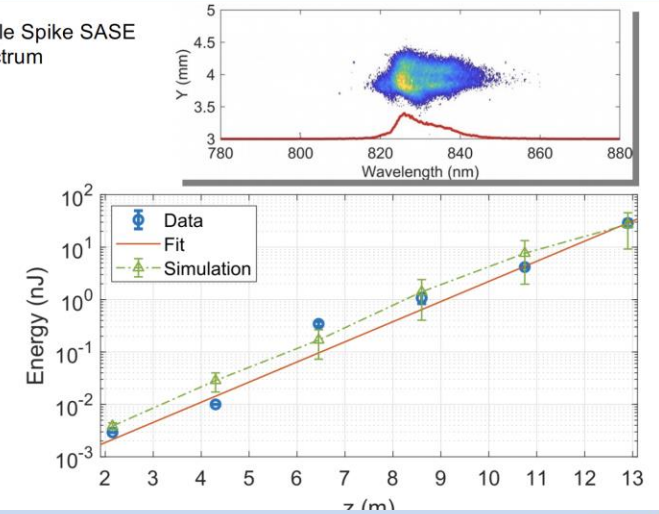


Recent ground-breaking results in Frascati: First FEL lasing from a beam-driven plasma accelerator

Pompili et al., *Nature* 605, 659–662 (2022)



Single Spike SASE spectrum



Collaboration Soleil/HZ Dresden, published on *Nat. Photon.* (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41566-022-01104-w>

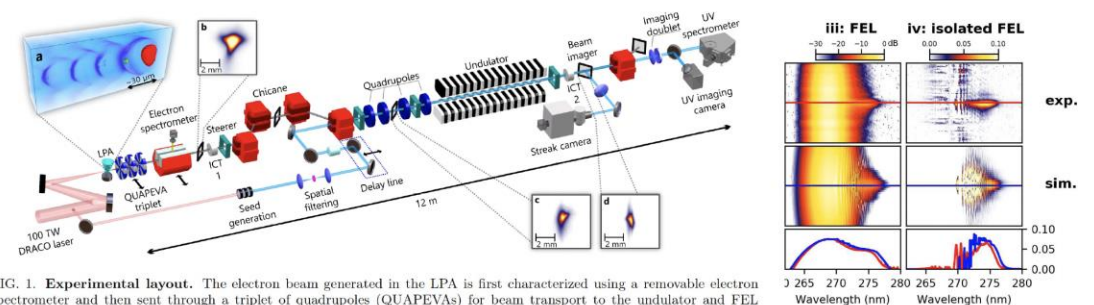
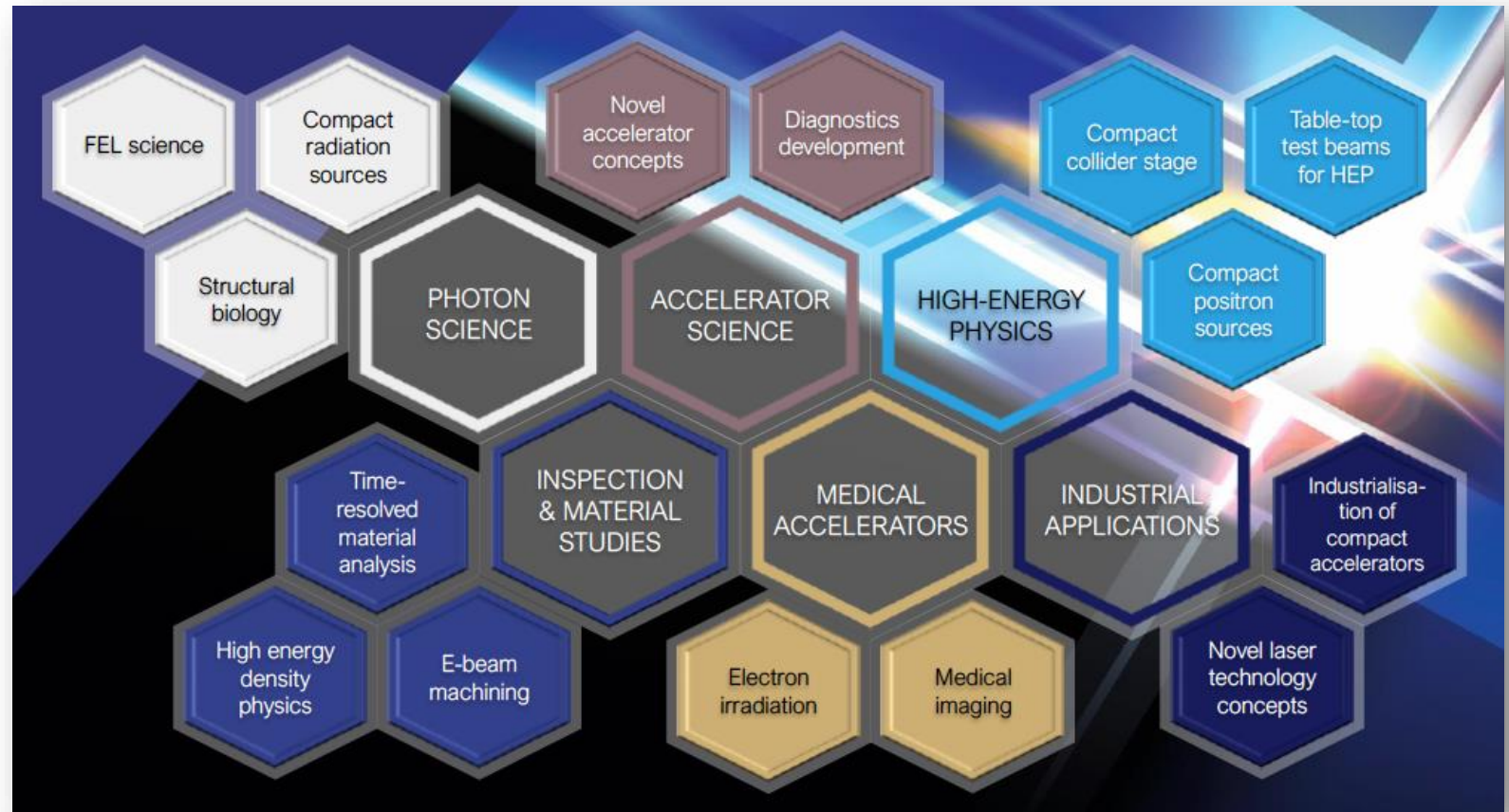
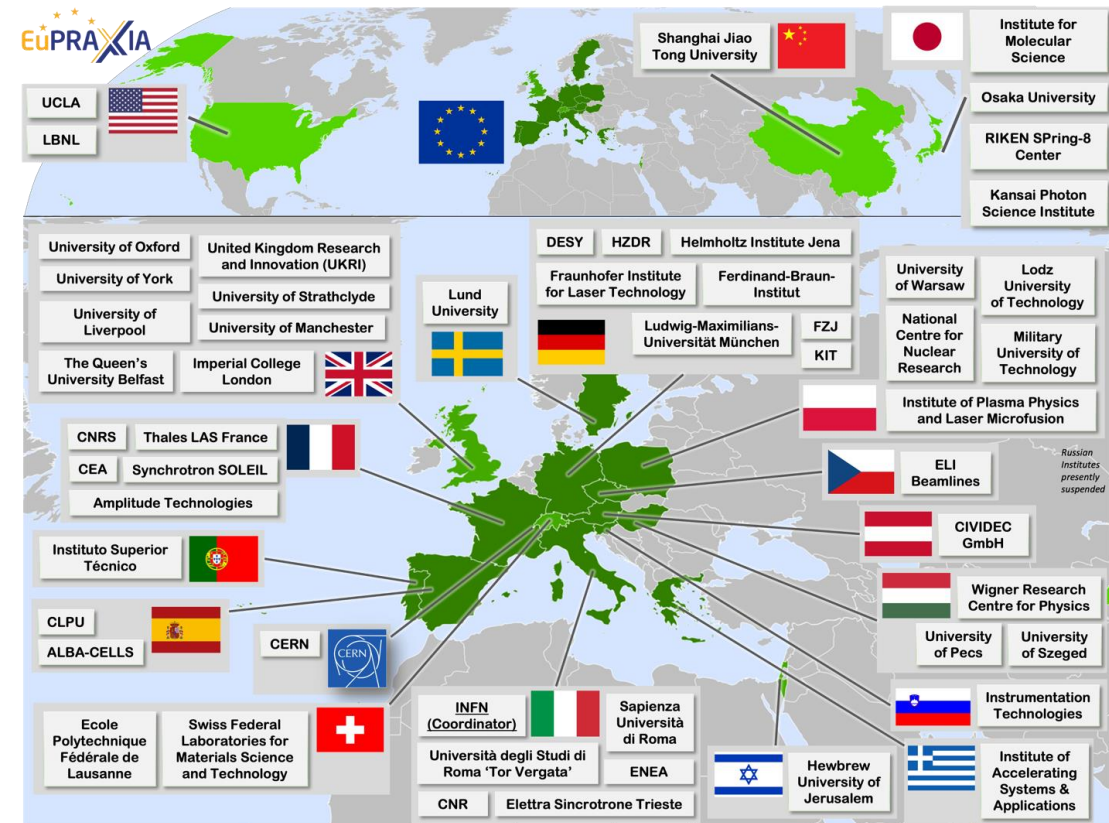


FIG. 1. **Experimental layout.** The electron beam generated in the LPA is first characterized using a removable electron spectrometer and then sent through a triplet of quadrupoles (QUAPEVAs) for beam transport to the undulator and FEL radiation generation. ICTs: Integrated Current Transformers. Non-labelled elements: dipoles (red blocks), optical lenses (blue), mirrors (grey circled black disks). Inset a: Particle-in-Cell simulation renders of the accelerating structure driven by the laser pulse (red), the electron cavity sheet formed from the plasma medium (light blue) is visible in purple and the accelerated electron bunch visible in green. Insets b,c,d: Spatial beam transverse distribution measured at LPA exit (b), at undulator entrance (c) and at undulator exit (d).

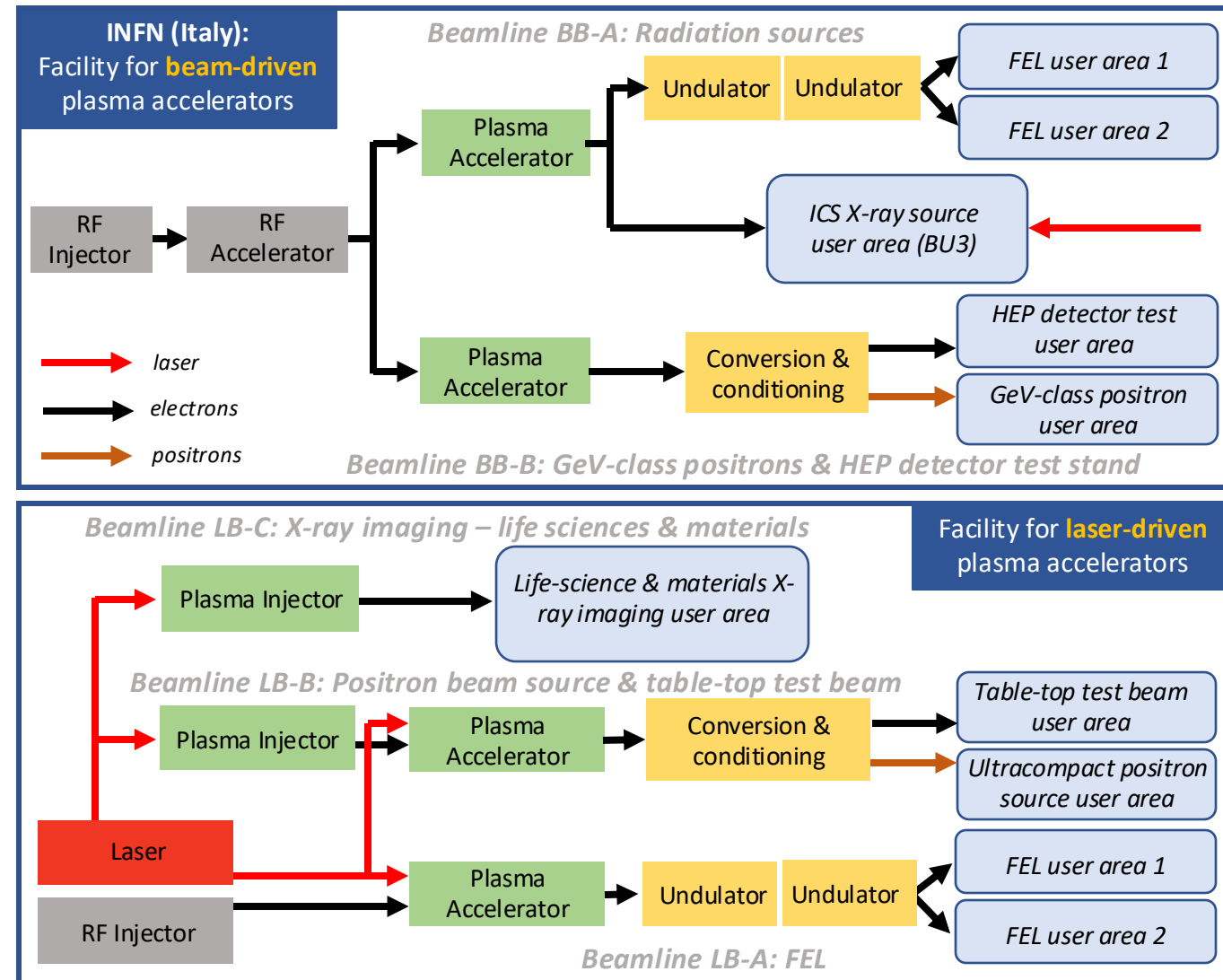
- **Electrons**
(0.1-5 GeV, 30 pC)
- **Positrons**
(0.5-10 MeV, 10^6)
- **Positrons (GeV source)**
- **Lasers**
(100 J, 50 fs, 10-100 Hz)
- **X-band RF Linac**
(60 MV/m , up to 400 Hz)
- **Plasma Targets**
- **Betatron X rays**
(1-10 keV, 10^{10})
- **FEL light**
(0.2-36 nm, 10^9 - 10^{13})



- The EuPRAXIA Consortium today: **54 institutes** from **18 countries** plus CERN
- Included in the **ESFRI** Road Map
- **Efficient fund raising:**
 - **Preparatory Phase** consortium(2022-26) (funding EU, UK, Switzerland, in-kind)
 - **Doctoral Network** (funding EU, UK, in-kind)
 - **EuPRAXIA@SPARC_LAB** (Italy, in-kind)
 - **EuAPS Project** (Next Generation EU)
 - **PACRI (2025-29)**



	Laser-driven	Beam-driven
Phase 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ FEL beamline to 1 GeV + user area 1 ✓ Ultracompact positron source beamline + positron user area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ FEL beamline to 1 GeV + user area 1 ✓ GeV-class positrons beamline + positron user area
Phase 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ X-ray imaging beamline + user area ✓ Table-top test beams user area ✓ FEL user area 2 ✓ FEL to 5 GeV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ICS source beamline + user area ✓ HEP detector tests user area ✓ FEL user area 2 ✓ FEL to 5 GeV
Phase 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ High-field physics beamline / user area ✓ Other future developments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Medical imaging beamline / user area ✓ Other future developments





Grand design (*R. Assmann et al.*): make EuPRAXIA similar to a HEP-style collaboration, able to setup and manage a Large European Network on advanced particle acceleration technologies (plasma et al.), on lasers and on their industrial and societal applications, thought for academic and industrial users, with two physical sites, and several clusters, *valuing in-kind and cash national contributions*.

Entering ESFRI Roadmap could provide an opportunity to access specific national and EU-based calls for funds. This design is being throughly pursued from the early Design Phase (2015) to the current Preparatory Phase.

- **Managerial WP`s**
 - **Outreach** to public, users, EU decision makers and industry
 - **Define** legal model (how is EuPRAXIA governed?), financial model, rules, user services and membership extension for full implementation
 - Works with **project bodies and funding agencies** → Board of Financial Sponsors
- **Technical WP`s :**
 - **Update of CDR** concepts and parameters, towards technical design (full technical design requires more funding)
 - Specify in detail **Excellence Centers and their required funding**: TDR related R&D, prototyping, contributions to construction
 - Help in defining funding applications for various agencies
- Output defined in **milestones & deliverables** with dates

Coll. Board
M. Ferrario

Steering Committee

Scientific and Technical Advisory Board

Board of Financial Sponsors


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WP3 - Organization and Rules

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WP5 - User Strategy and Services

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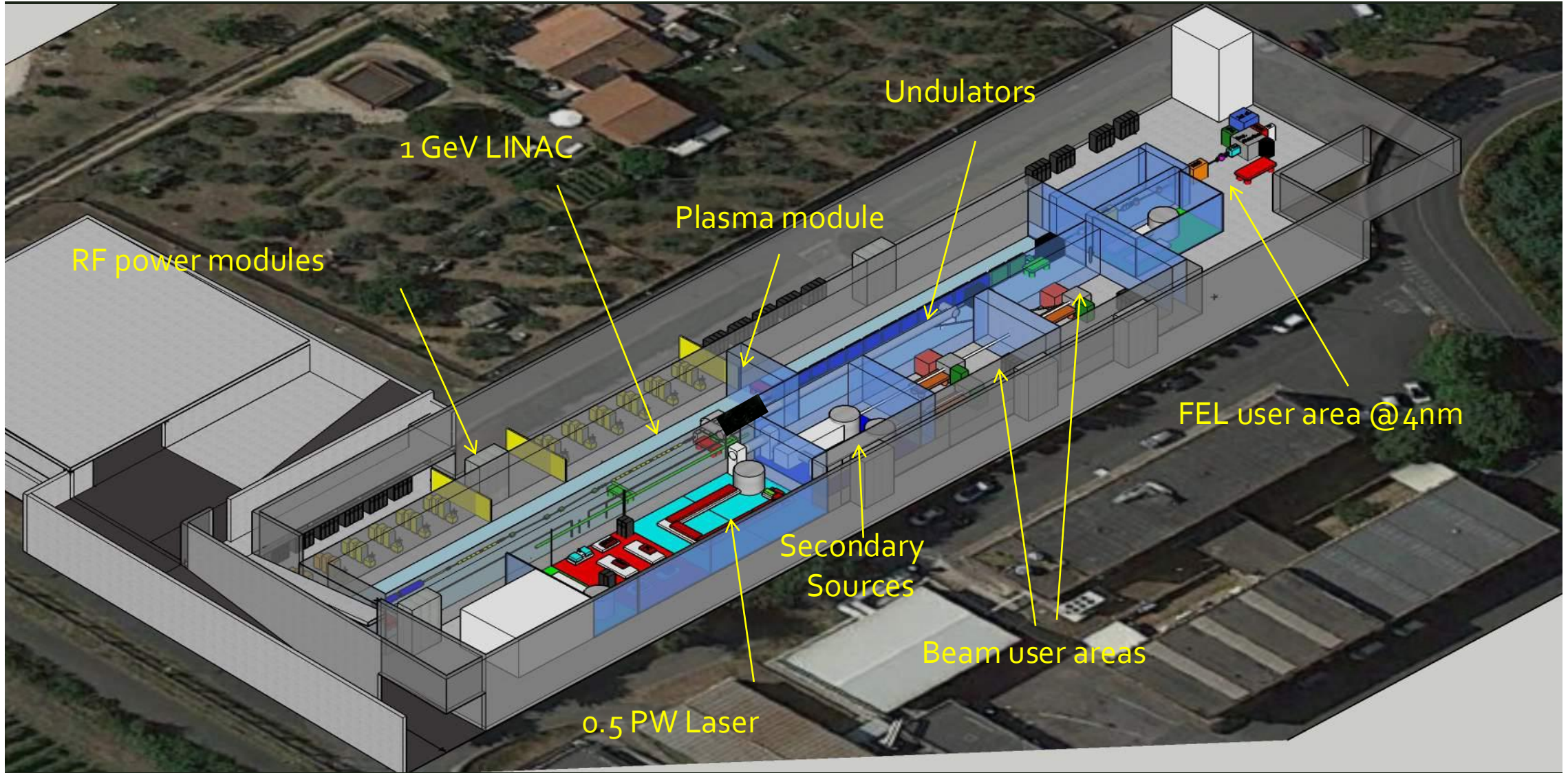
WP's on coordination & implementation as ESFRI RI (organization, legal model, financing, users)

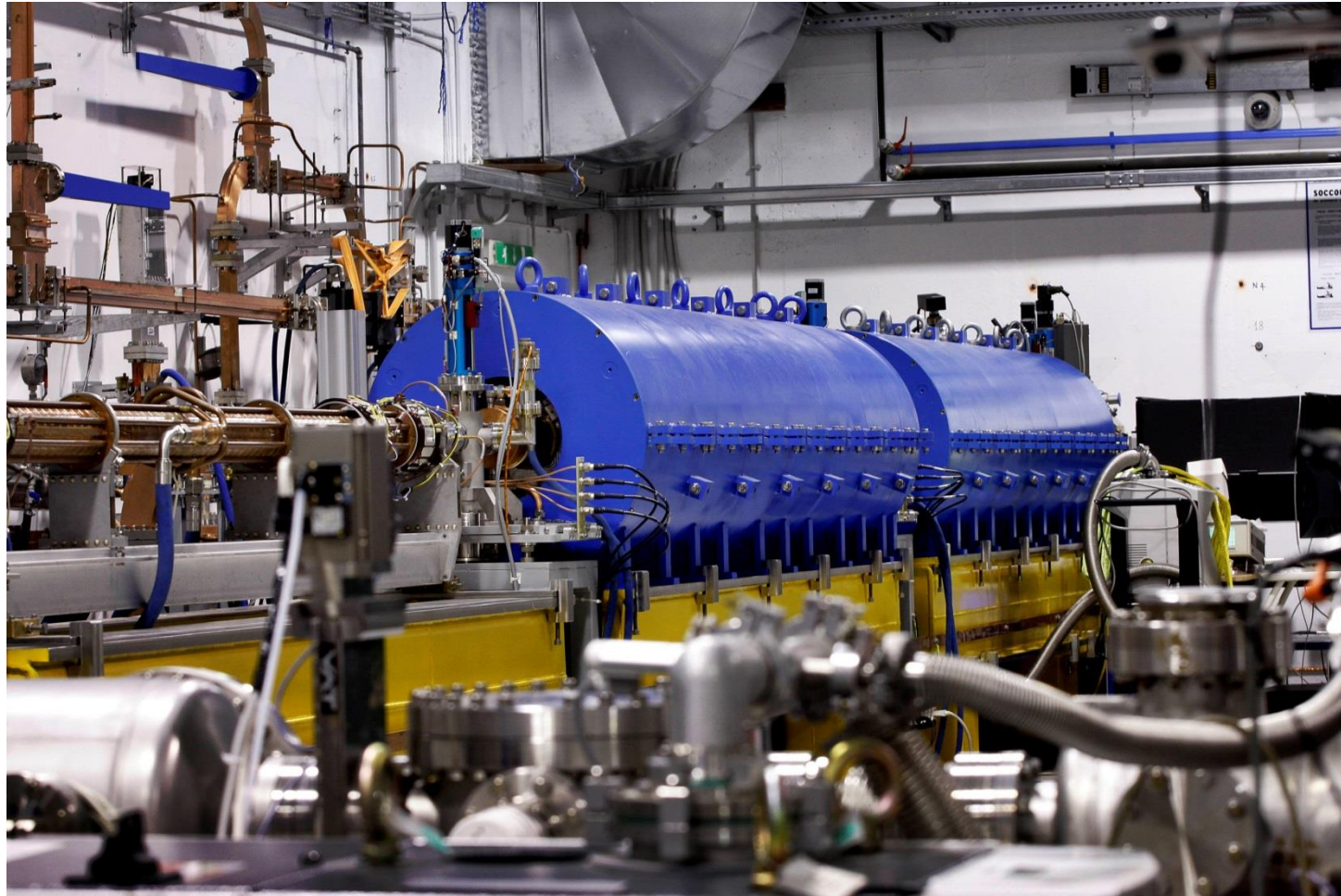
WPs on technical implementation and sites



- Frascati's future facility
- > 130 M€ invest funding
- Beam-driven plasma accelerator
- Europe's most compact and most southern FEL
- The world's most compact RF accelerator (X band with CERN)



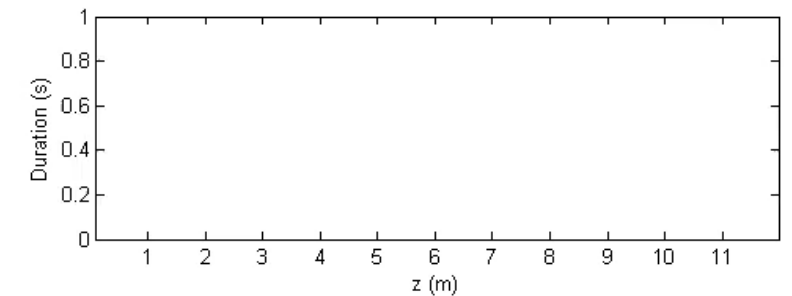
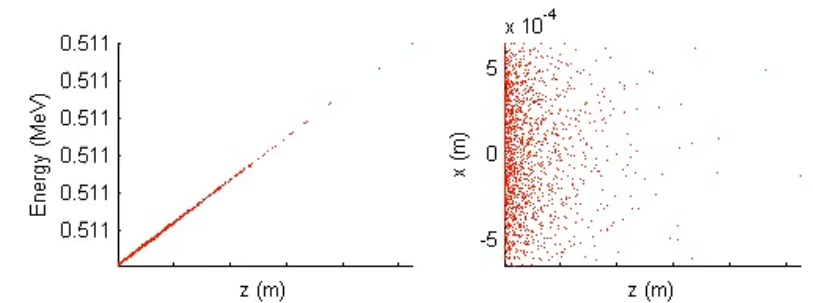


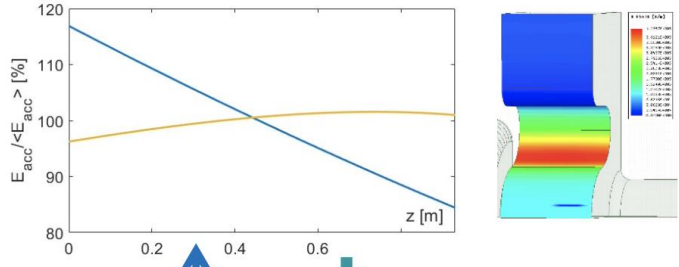


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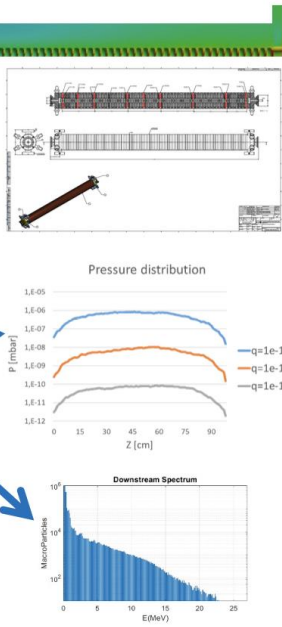
Parameter	Unit	Witness	Driver
Charge	pC	30	200
Energy	MeV	101.5	103.2
RMS energy spread	%	0.15	0.67
RMS bunch length	fs	12	20
RMS norm. emittance	mm mrad	0.69	1.95
Rep. rate	Hz	10	10

Table 7.2: Driver and witness beam parameters at the end of photo-injector.





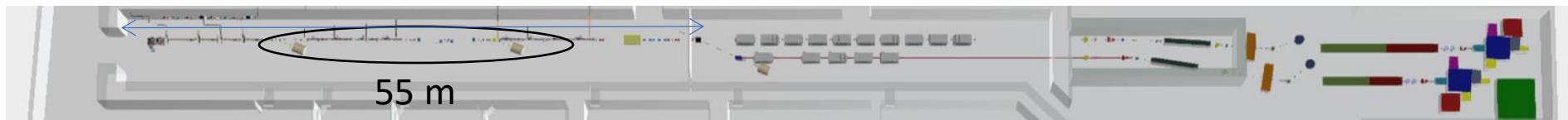
1. E.m. design: *done*
2. Thermo-mechanical analysis: *done*
3. Mechanical design: *done*
4. Vacuum calculations: *done*
5. Dark current simulations: *done*
6. Waveguide distribution simulation with attenuation calculations: *done*

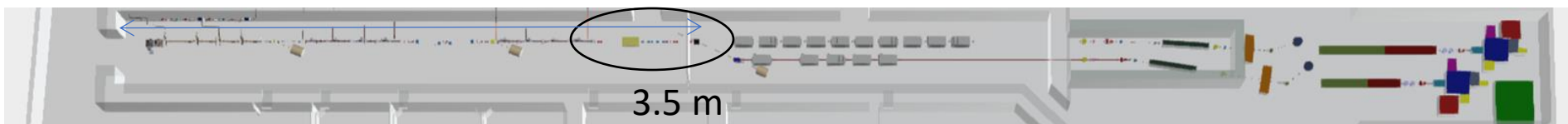
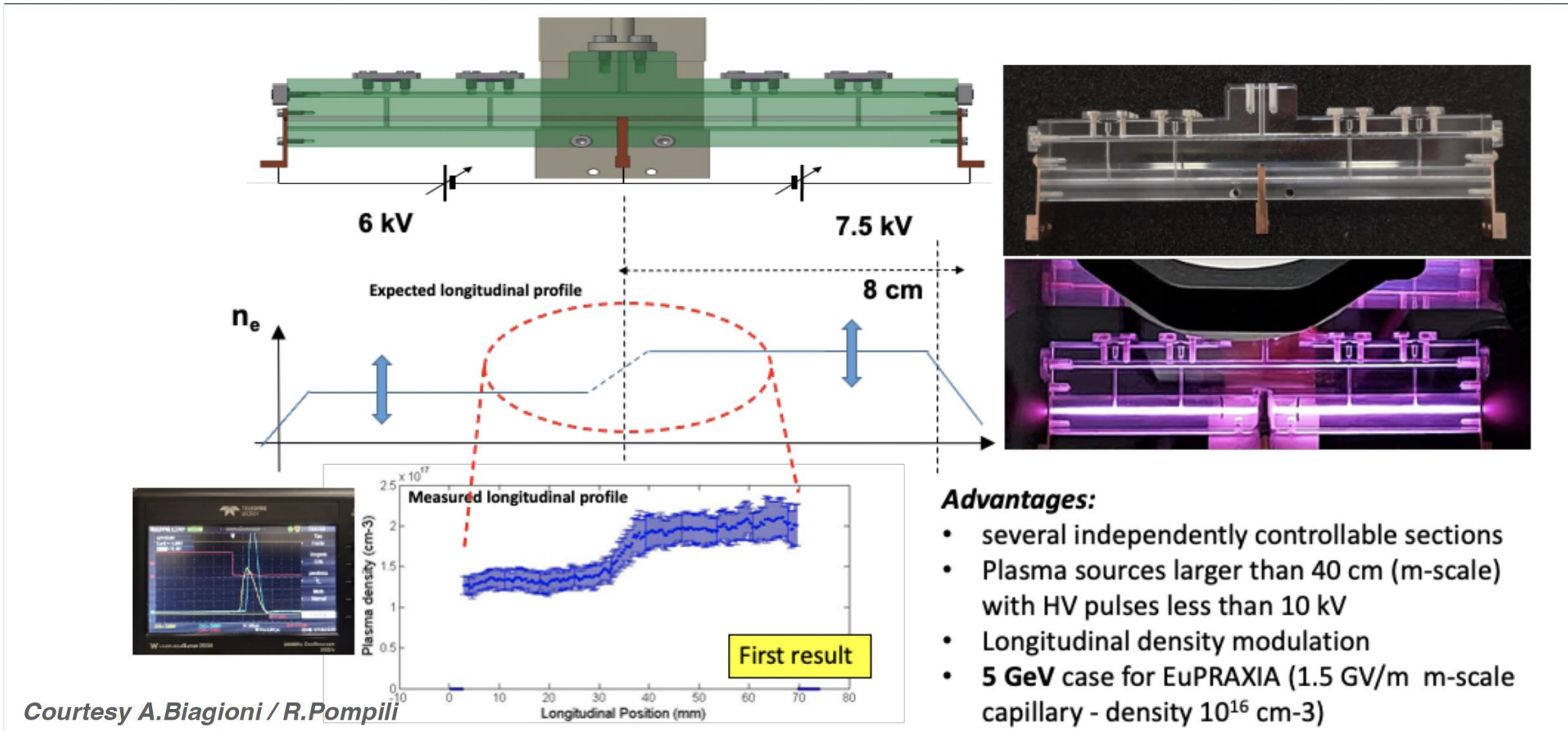


PARAMETER	Value	
	with linear tapering	w/o tapering
Frequency [GHz]	11.9942	
Average acc. gradient [MV/m]	60	
Structures per module	2	
Iris radius a [mm]	3.85-3.15	3.5
Tapering angle [deg]	0.04	0
Struct. length L_s act. Length (flange-to-flange) [m]	0.94 (1.05)	
No. of cells	112	
Shunt impedance R [MΩ/m]	93-107	100
Effective shunt Imp. $R_{sh\ eff}$ [MΩ/m]	350	347
Peak input power per structure [MW]	70	
Input power averaged over the pulse [MW]	51	
Average dissipated power [kW]	1	
P_{out}/P_{in} [%]	25	
Filling time [ns]	130	
Peak Modified Poynting Vector [W/μm ²]	3.6	4.3
Peak surface electric field [MV/m]	160	190
Unloaded SLED/BOC Q-factor Q_0	150000	
External SLED/BOC Q-factor Q_E	21300	20700
Required Kly power per module [MW]	20	
RF pulse [μs]	1.5	
Rep. Rate [Hz]	100	



Courtesy D. Alesini



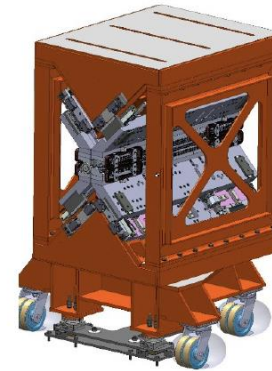


Two FEL lines:

1) AQUA: Soft-X ray SASE FEL – Water window optimized for 4 nm (baseline)

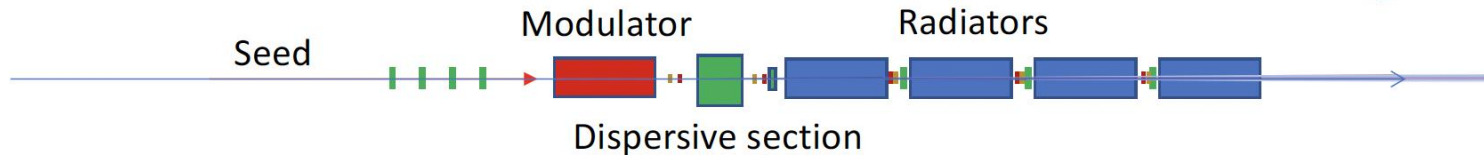


SASE FEL: 10 UM Modules, 2 m each – 60 cm intraundulator sections.
 Two technologies under study: Apple-X PMU (baseline) and planar SCU.
 Prototyping in progress



FERMI FEL-1 Radiator

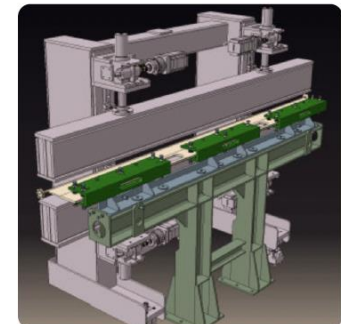
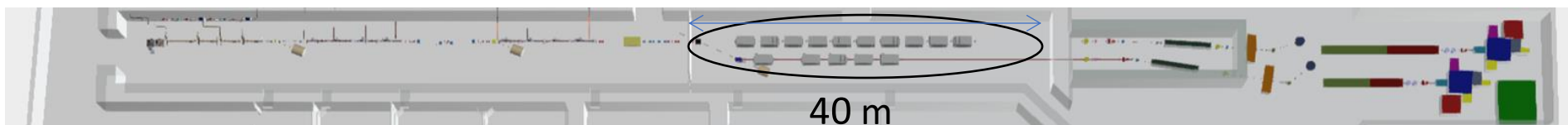
2) ARIA: VUV seeded HGHG FEL beamline for gas phase



SEEDED FEL – Modulator 3 m + 4 Radiators APPLE II – variable pol. 2.2 m each – SEEDED in the range 50-100 nm (see former presentation to the committee and *Villa et al. ARIA—A VUV Beamline for EuPRAXIA@SPARC_LAB. Condens. Matter 2022, 7, 11.*) – Undulator based on consolidated technology.

Frascati 06/05/23 – EUPRAXIA TDR

WAC Report L. Giannessi



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Fundamental research and applications with the EuPRAXIA facility at LNF

4–6 Dec 2024
LNF
Europe/Rome timezone



Overview

Timetable

Registration

Participant List

Venue

Accommodation

Internet Access

Privacy Policy

Safety Rules





EPAC, Didcot, GB



ELI-Beamlines, Prague, CZc



CNR, Pisa, IT



CLPU, Salamanca, ES



Decision by collaboration targeted in march 2025



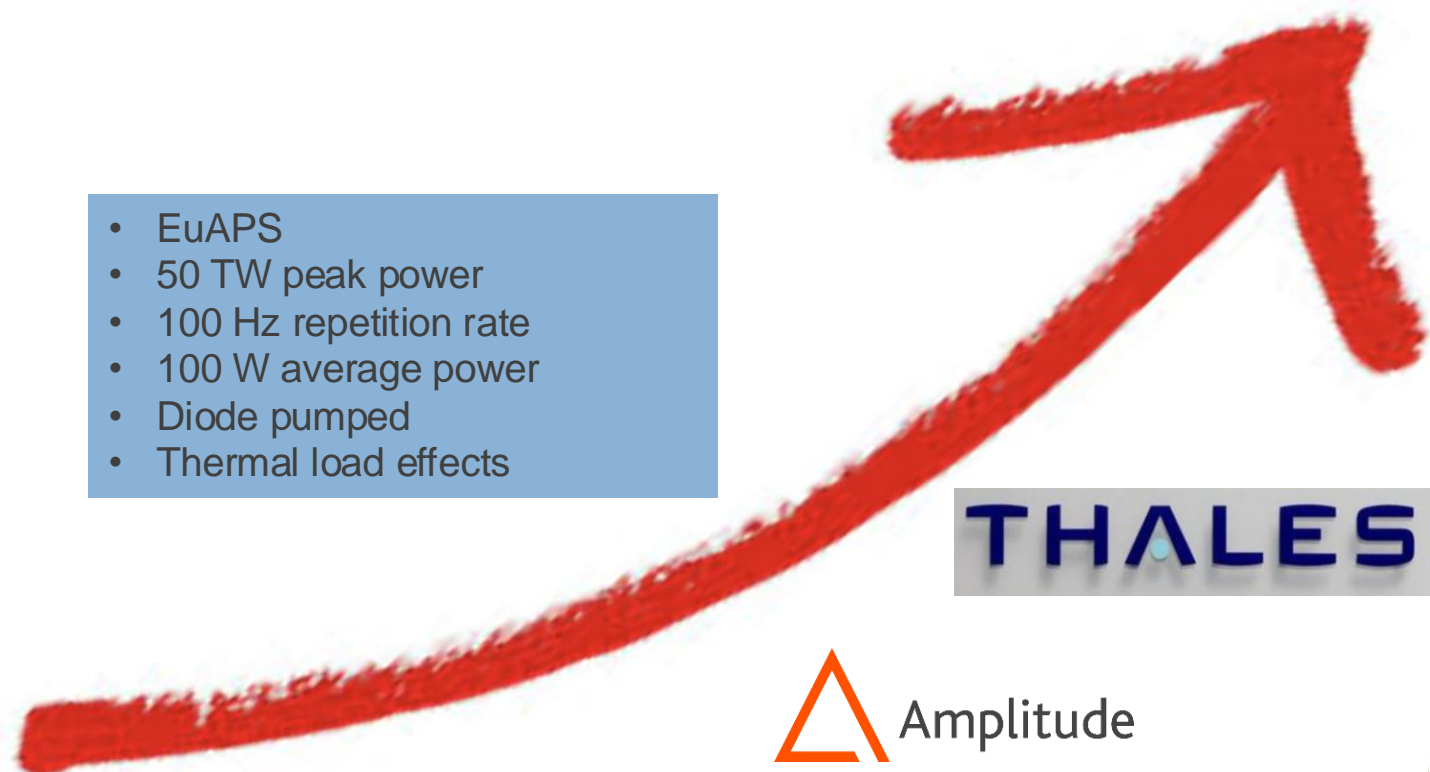
Eupraxia laser development is aimed at delivering more efficient, kW class PW laser driver for plasma acceleration at >100 Hz rate

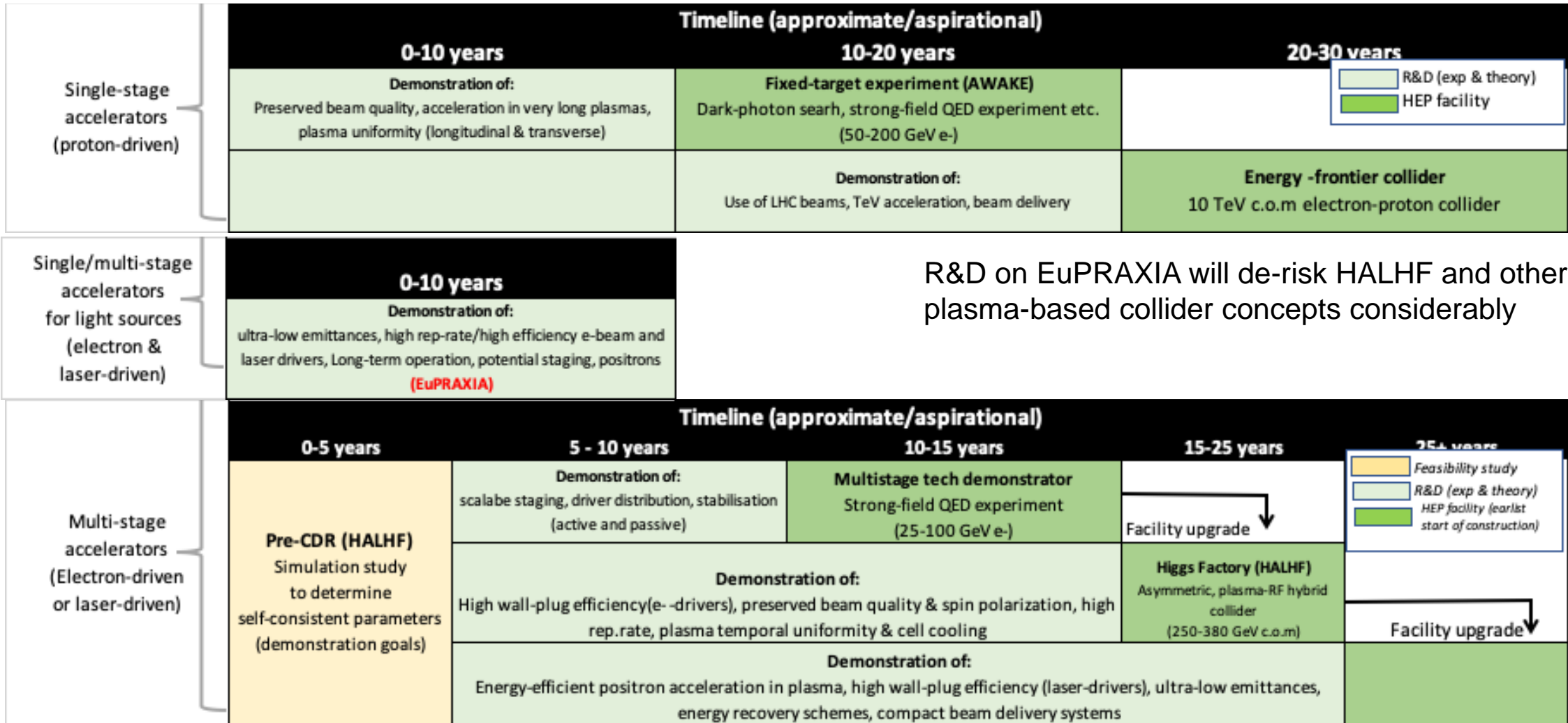
- EuPRAXIA
- PW class,
- 100 Hz repetition rate,
- multi kW average power,
- diode pumped
- Full thermal load transport

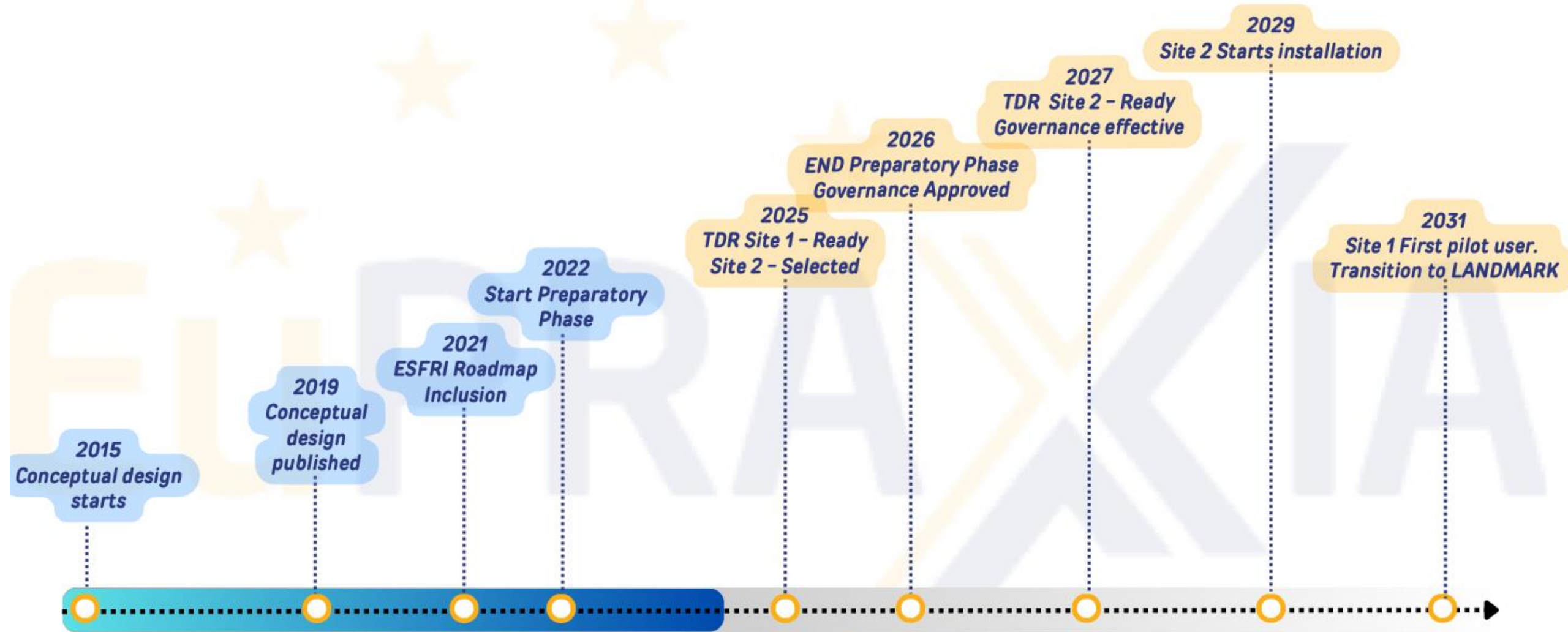


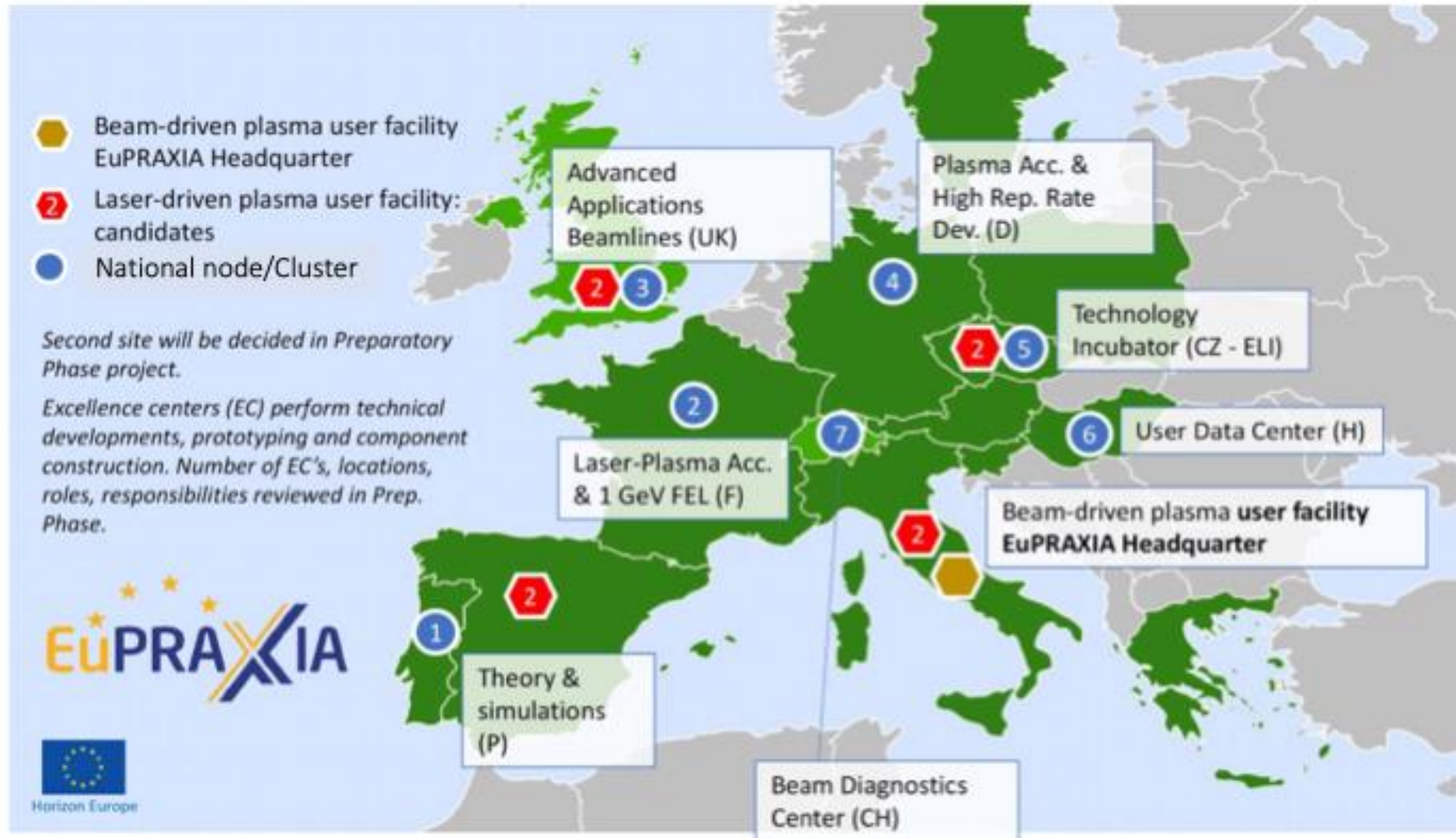
- EuAPS
- 50 TW peak power
- 100 Hz repetition rate
- 100 W average power
- Diode pumped
- Thermal load effects

- CURRENT
- PW class,
- Hz repetition rate,
- ≈10 W average power
- flashlamp pumped
- No thermal load transport









A large collection of the best European know-hows in accelerators, lasers plasma technologies

Network organization

- Sites (PWFA/LWFA)
- **National nodes**
- **Technology clusters**

4 candidates for LWFA

- CLPU, Salamanca
- CNR-INO, Pisa
- ELI ERIC, Prague
- EPAC-RAL, UK

- **Implementation Sites**

Beam Driven (@LNF) and Laser Driven (to be decided soon)



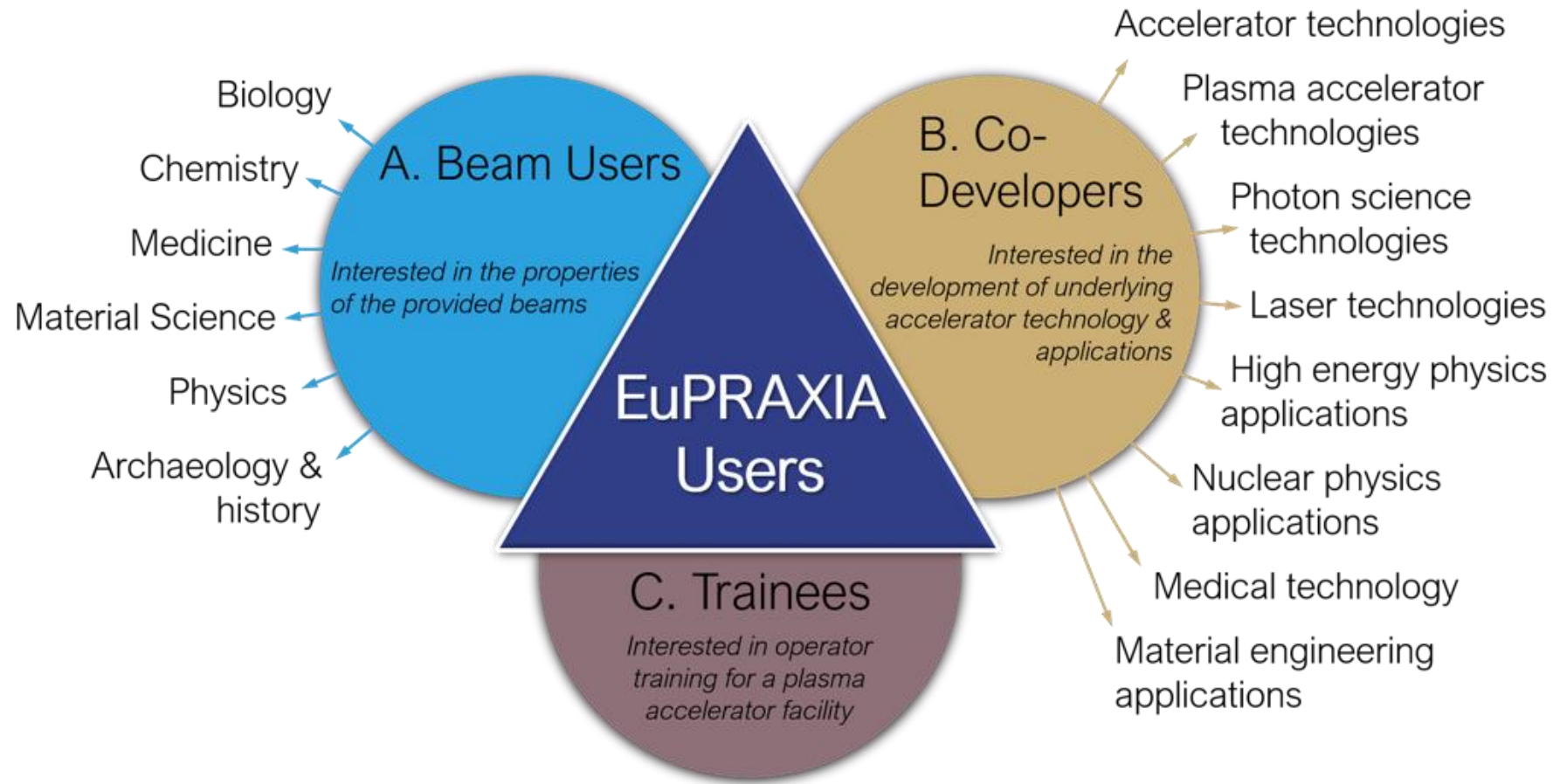
- **National Nodes**

Technological clusters for development and in-kind contribution
Coordination at National Level



- **Project Clusters**

Units that performs dedicated R&D / prototyping / subsystem



(Liste non exhaustive, à compléter, excuses pour les oublis)

- collaboration management, organisation (LPGP, LLR)
- 200MeV laser plasma injector proto-type PALLAS(IJC-Lab), EARLI(LPGP)
- Laser (and laser-associated tech) development (LULI)
- Laser guiding in optically formed plasma channels (LOA) ?
- Compact beam capture and diagnostics (LLR)
- simulation of conventional and novel injector schemes (LPGP, LIDYL, LLR)

- EuPRAXIA: ESFRI project (!) for a distributed European Research Infrastructure, **building two plasma-driven FEL's in Europe.**
- EuPRAXIA FEL site in Frascati LNF-INFN is sufficiently funded for **first FEL user operation in 2029.**
- Second EuPRAXIA FEL site will be selected in next months, among **3 excellent candidate sites.**
- Concept today **works in design and in reality.**
- The facility has to demonstrate solve stability and up-time **for 24/7 user operation.**
- Collaboration and user model will determine 3rd country contributions.
- in-kind contributions and bilateral collaboration agreements to start with
- Opportunity to initiate collaborations at world-class facilities, now.

Thank you for your attention