



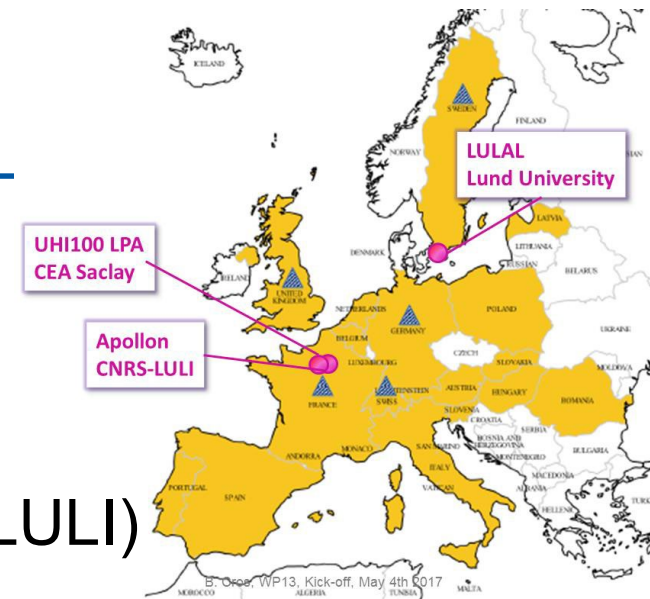
# **WP13: Access to Plasma Beam testing facilities**

**July 15th, 2022/ Final Review**

**Brigitte CROS / CNRS - LPGP**

# Overview

- 3 facilities offering TA in WP13:
  - LULAL (Lund University)
  - UHI100 LPA (CEA LIDYL)
  - APOLLON MUST-LPA (CNRS LULI)



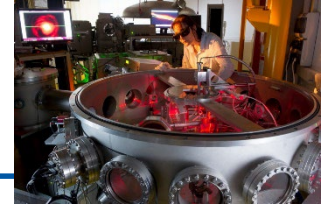
- Access provided: 1146 hours, 47 users
  - 2 projects at UHI100 LPA
  - 4 projects at LULAL
  - 1 project at APOLLON

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OPEN Laser wakefield accelerated  
electron beams and betatron  
radiation from multijet gas targets

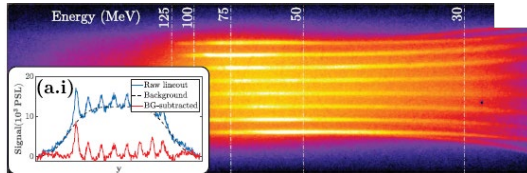
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# Access to UHI100-LPA (CEA Saclay)



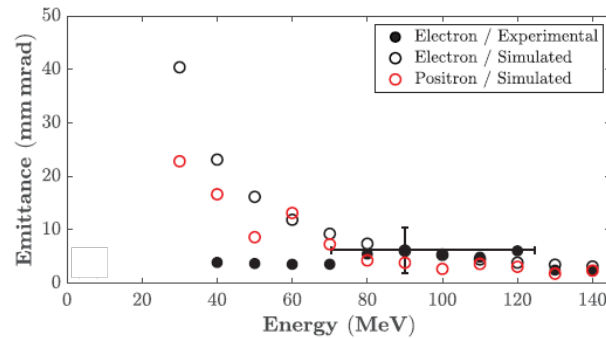
## S. Dobosz Dufrénoy- Facility coordinator

Secondary electron signal through pepper-pot W mask and dipole



## Campaign n°1: *ARIES-CEA-LIDyL-2017-01* (Janv-Fev 2018 /152 Units)

*Emittance characterisation of laser-driven positron beams for injection in conventional accelerators*



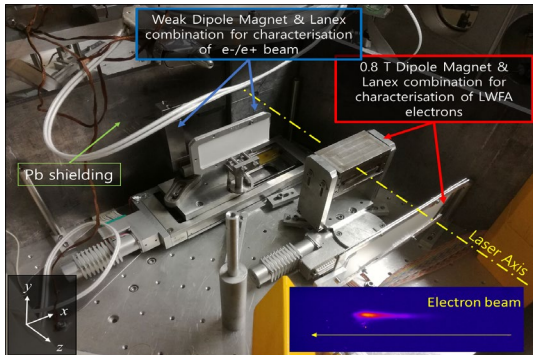
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Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion 0 (2020) xxxxxx (7pp)  
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Plasma Physics and Controlled Fusion

### Non-invasive characterisation of a laser-driven positron beam

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## Campaign n°2: *ARIES-CEA-LIDyL-2018-01* (Feb-March 2019 /176 Units)

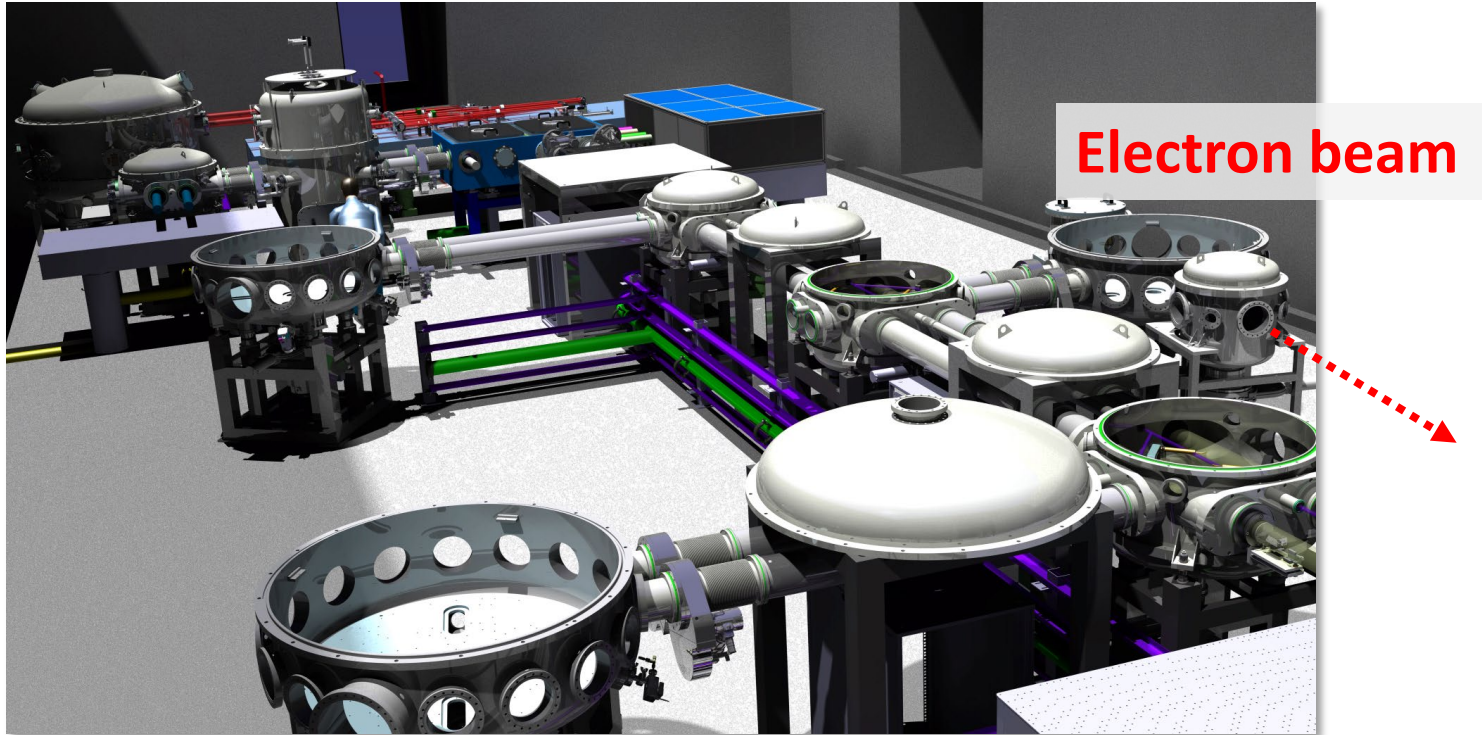
*Laser-driven low-energy positrons for high-resolution non-disruptive inspection of materials – G. Sarri and coll. (Queen's University – Belfast)*



# Upgraded facility implemented at CEA

## Orme des Merisiers

New redesigned experimental facility in a completely refurbished area  
(few km away from CEA-Saclay)



New laser beam diagnostics, two laser beams available, **40% more energy on one beam in « single beam configuration »**

**Increase of electron beam energy and charge are expected**

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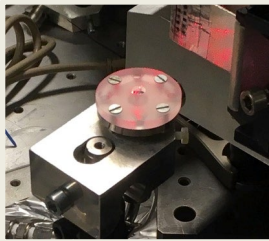


**Commissioning of experimental area in Progress:**  
Waiting for permission to operate from ASN

# Access to LULAL

4 experiment campaigns completed  
(30 users, 788 units)

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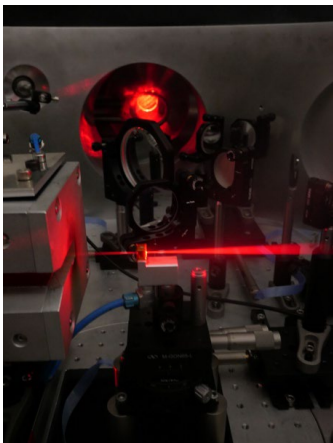
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*Understanding the breakup and atomization of fuel sprays is essential for improving e.g. engine efficiencies.*

- Multistage Laser and Beam Driven Plasma Accelerator,  
PI : G. Raciukaitis (FTMC), Vilnius, Lithuania
- Spray imaging with laser driven X-ray  
PI: Lars Zigan (FAU), Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany

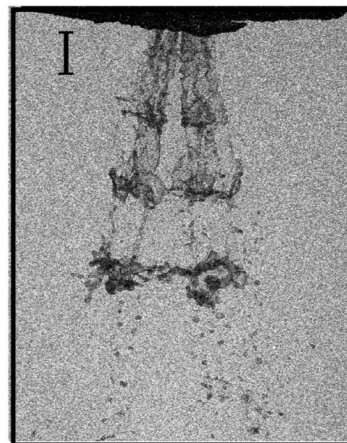
LWFA X-ray source



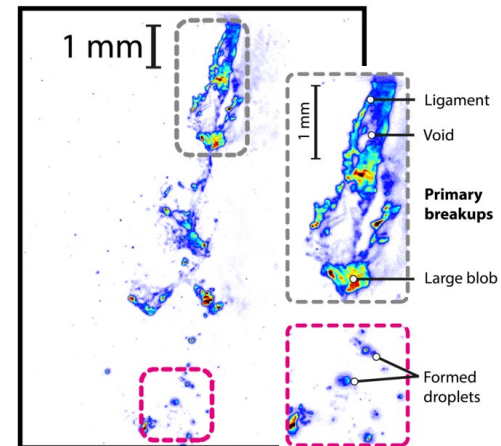
Fuel injection spray



LWFA X-ray image



Laser-induced fluorescence

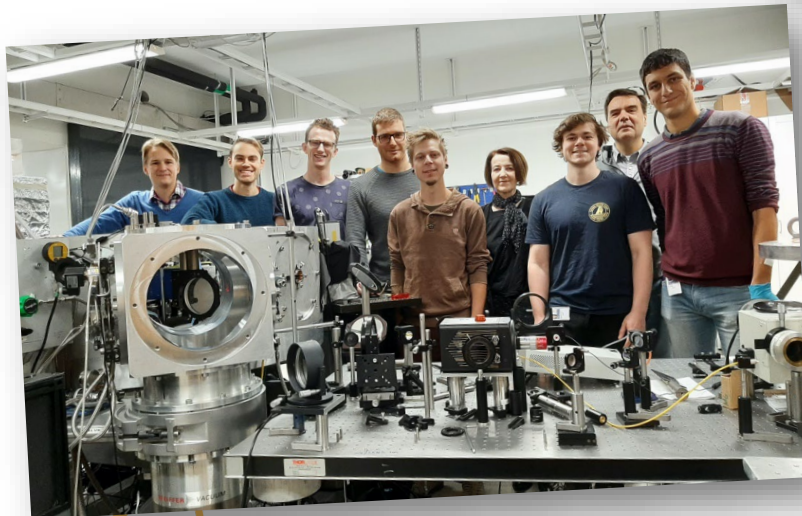
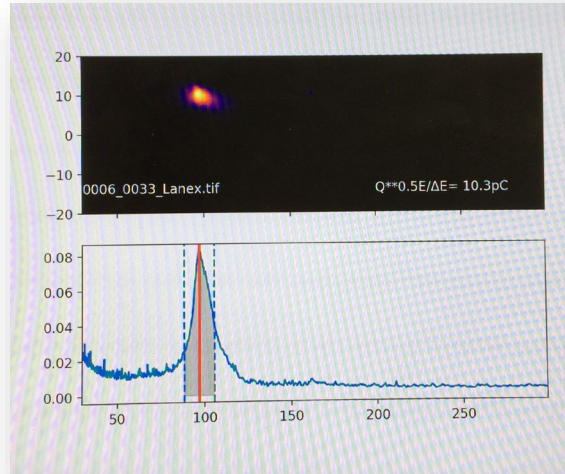


# Access to LULAL

## Testing plasma accelerator source for EuPRAXIA 1 & 2

*Quantitative detailed study of the impact of laser properties on electron beam properties.*

*Automated online optimization of the electron beam*



2 TNA projects (Nov-Dec 2019 and 2021)

4+4 weeks access,

20 visiting users,

10 participating institutes, 5 countries

Imperial College (UK), University of York (UK), Oxford University (UK), CLF (UK), CNRS (FR), U Paris-Saclay (FR), CEA-Saclay (FR), ENEA (IT), IST (PT), Lund University (SE)

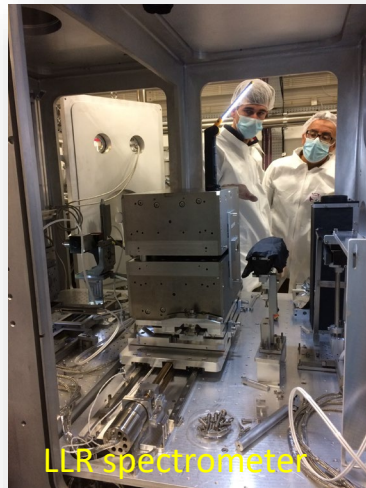


EuPRAXIA

ARIES



# Commissioning experiments at



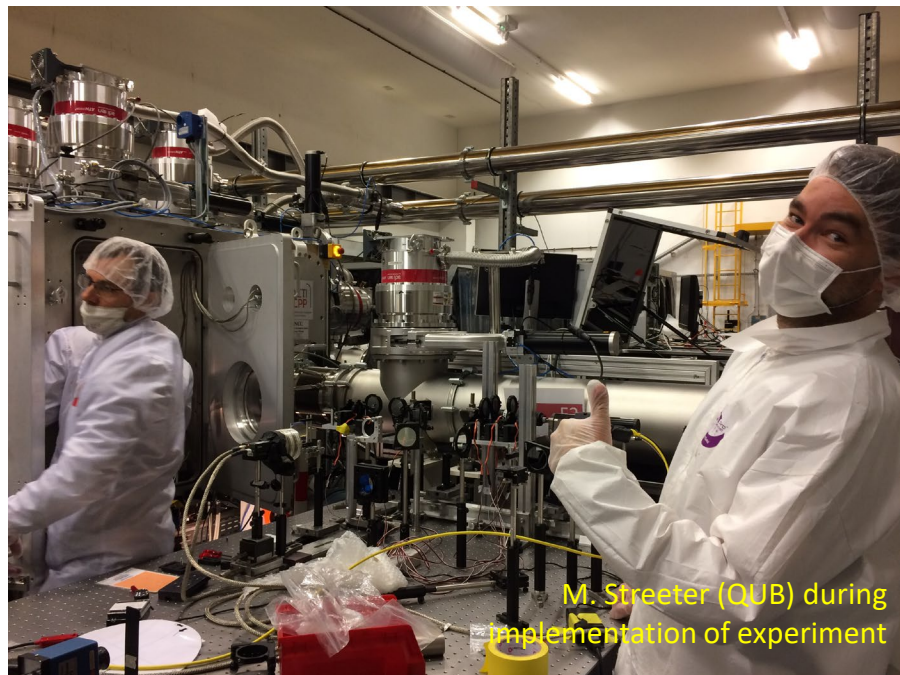
- PI B. Cros (CNRS LPGP) with teams from CEA LIDYL (S.Doboz), CNRS LLR (A. Specka) and CNRS IJCLAB (N. Delerue), supported by Apollon technical teams
- April 2021
- Apollon F2 beam focussed by a 3m focal lens optic, in a gas cell, electron spectrometer and on axis diagnostics
- H<sub>2</sub>+1%N<sub>2</sub> plasma, 2 to 20mm long were explored,
- 4.5 J laser energy at cc
- Electron spectra observed in the detection window: 200 MeV – 1.6 GeV (lanex + yag detectors)
- Results in agreement with PIC simulations



# Access to Apollon

## Generation of laser-driven GeV-scale high-quality positron beams

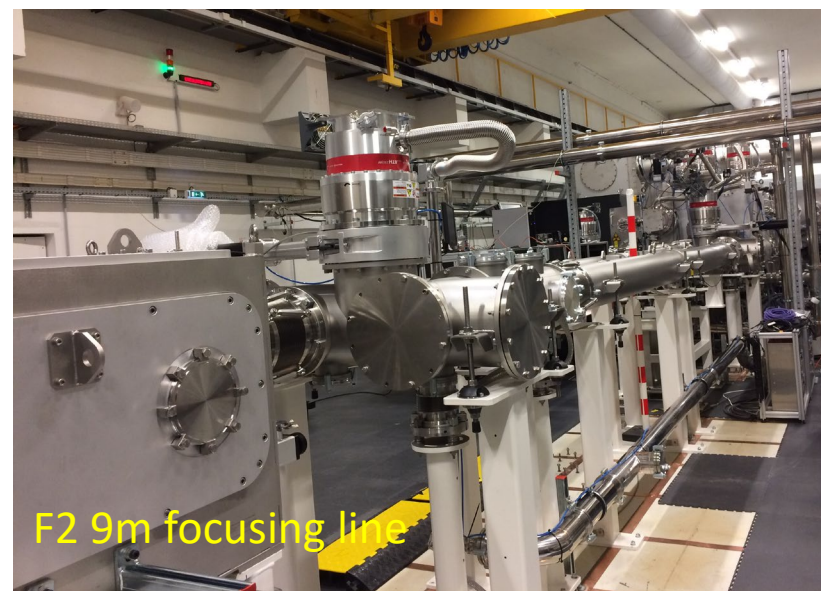
TNA March 14 to April 8 2022



M. Streeter (QUB) during implementation of experiment

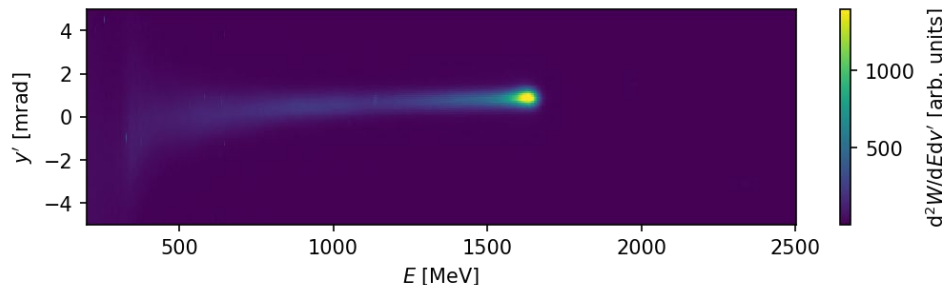
Project selected by the Apollon program committee following the 2021 call for proposals, and by the WP13 User Selection Panel

- PI G. Sarri
- Queen's University Belfast
- Supported by the commissioning team: B. Cros (CNRS LPGP), S. Dobož-Dufrénoy (CEA LIDYL) A. Specka (CNRS LLR) and Apollon technical teams



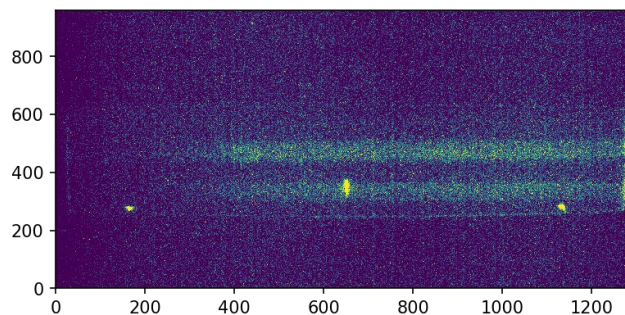
F2 9m focusing line

- Generation of  $> 1$  GeV electron beams from laser-wakefield generation



Max. energy: 1.7 - 1.9 GeV  
Overall charge: 0.3 - 0.6 nC  
Divergence: 0.9 mrad

- Production of GeV-scale positron beams of high spatial quality



Max. energy:  $\sim 1$  GeV  
Overall charge:  $\sim 3$  pC  
emittance and source size  
measured (*to be analysed*)

- Testing of a gamma-ray spectrometer for high-flux and  $\sim 1$  GeV gamma-ray beams  
gamma-ray spectrometer successfully tested and showing expected  $\sim 1\%$  level energy resolution.  
Results currently being analysed.
- Detection of muons from a laser-driven configuration  
*detectors currently being etched for analysis...*

# Summary

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- Access to electron bunches driven by laser in plasma was provided at **UHI100 LPA** and **LULAL** and **APOLLON** facilities for various applications:
  - physics of plasma accelerators,
  - generation of secondary particles or radiation,
  - use of secondary radiation for imaging.
- Promising results for future use of plasma accelerators:
  - Large range of parameters can be delivered,
  - Flexibility of set-ups and environments for users
  - Reliability and stability can be improved through the development of dedicated facilities and specific beamlines



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