



# Compact Electron Linacs for Research, Medical, and Industrial Applications

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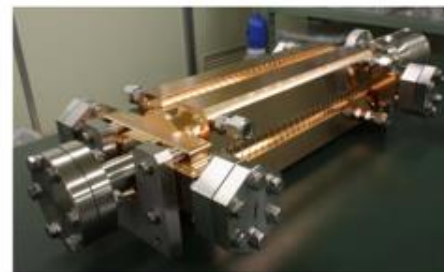
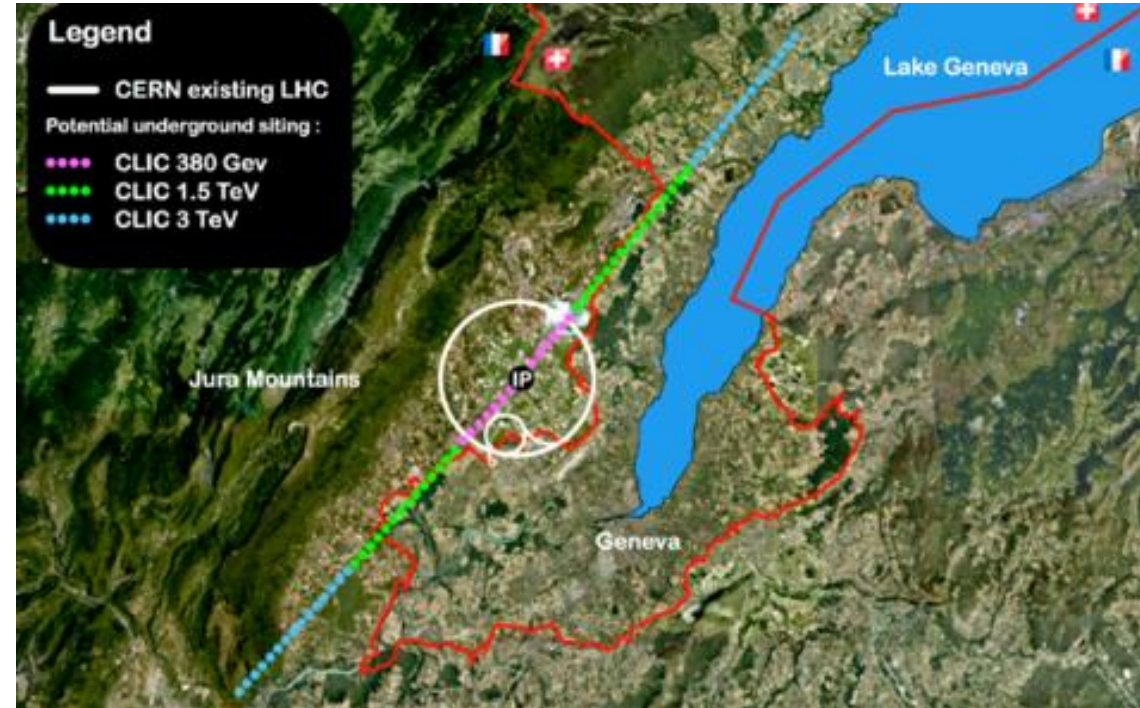
- CLIC
- X-Band

- **Compact electron linac projects presented in this talk**

Medical	Industrial	Research
DEFT	VULCAN	CLEAR / AWAKE Injector
STELLA		PolariX
	EuPRAXIA@SPARC_Lab	EuPRAXIA@SPARC_Lab
	XLS	XLS
	VIGAS	VIGAS
	Smart*Light	Smart*Light

# CLIC (Compact Linear Collider)

- **Concept, design, and technical R&D for next-gen, multi-TeV linear collider**
- **Required development of high-gradient accelerator technology**
  - More compact
  - More efficient
  - More affordable
- **Promote industrial base and application of CLIC technologies as part of R&D strategy**

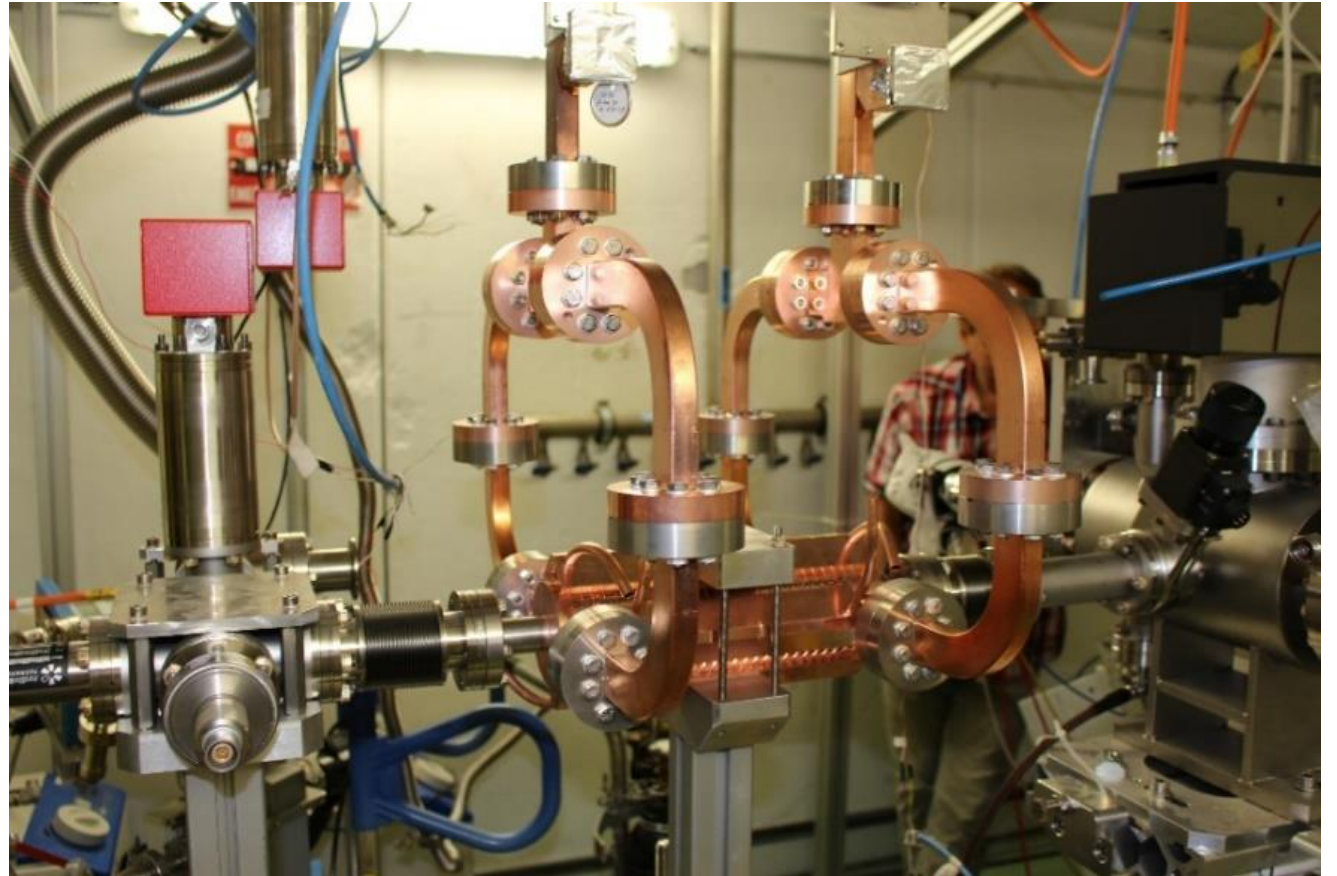


*Accelerating structure prototype for CLIC:*

- **12 GHz ( $L \sim 25$  cm)**
- **100 MV/m**

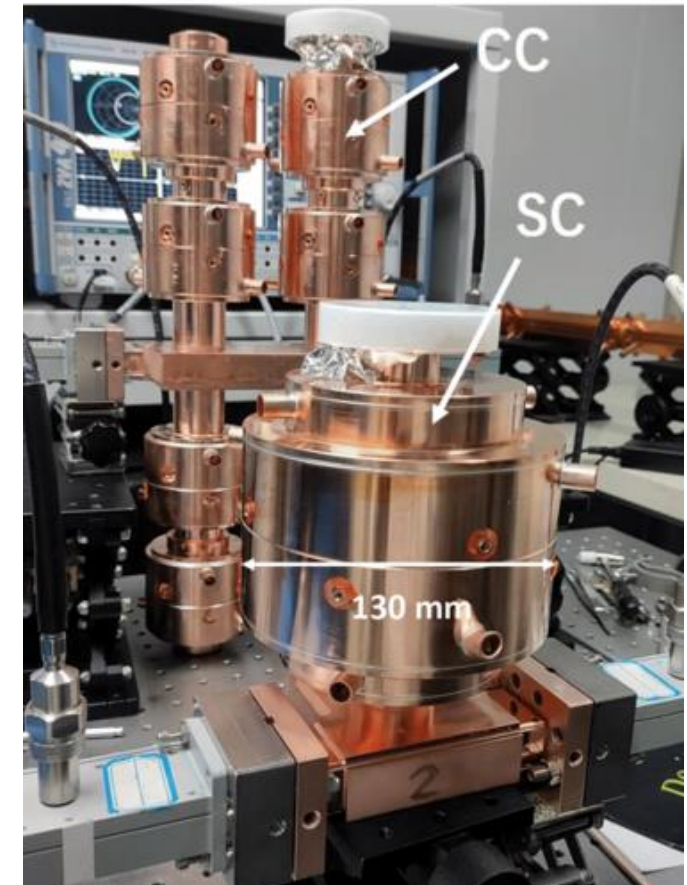
# High-Gradient Acceleration

- **12 GHz X-band accelerating structures**
  - Micron precision machining
  - 100 MV/m gradients

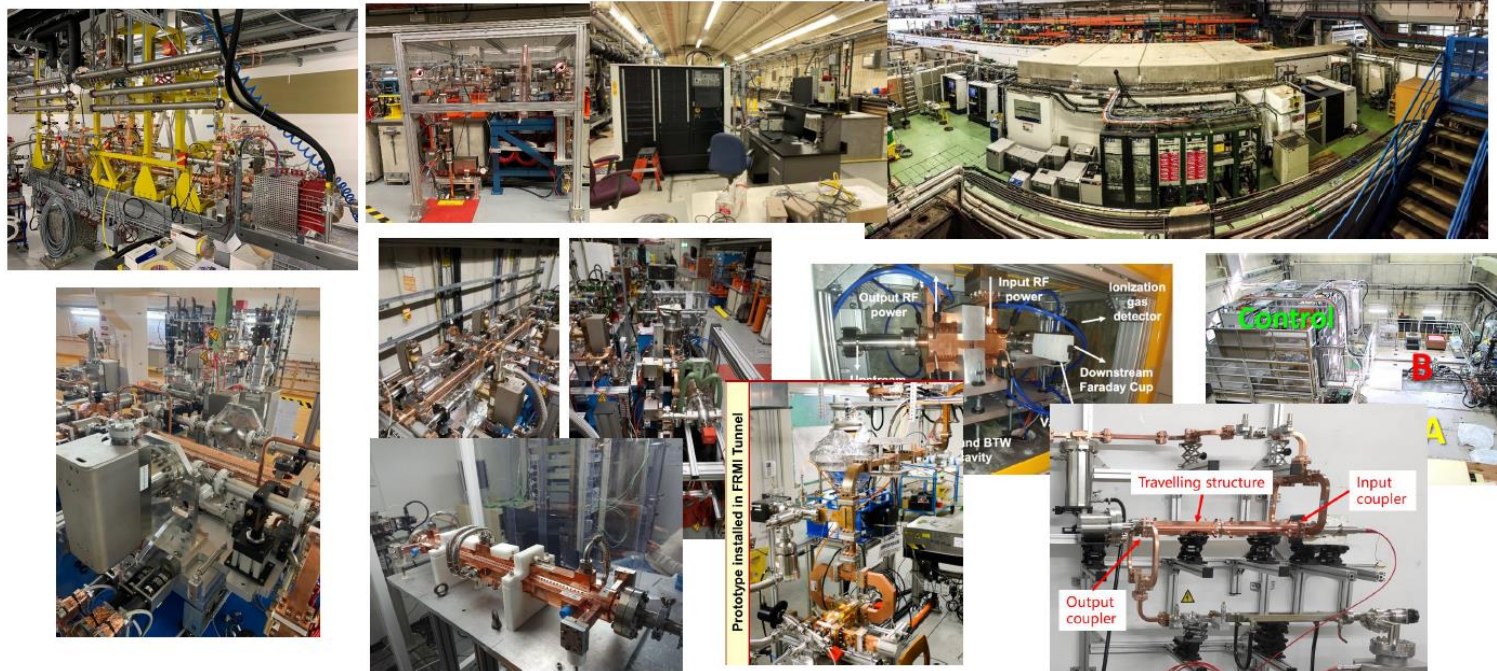


# High-Gradient Acceleration

- **X-band RF power sources**
  - 5-50 MW klystrons
  - High efficiency (~60 %)
- **X-band pulse compressors**
  - Increase peak power output from klystrons by up to ~ 4x



# Global X-band and High-Gradient Deployment (Non-Exhaustive List!!!)



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trieste, Fermi:</li> <li>• SwissFEL:</li> <li>• SARI:</li> <li>• CERN:</li> <li>• DESY:</li> <li>• SLAC:</li> <li>• Argonne:</li> <li>• Arizone:</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Linearizer</li> <li>Linearizer and Polarix deflector</li> <li>Linearizer, deflectors</li> <li>Xbox-1 with CLEAR, accelerator</li> <li>FLASHForward and FLASH2,</li> <li>PolariX deflectors</li> <li>NLCTA, XTA</li> <li>AWA</li> <li>CXLS, ICS</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KEK:</li> <li>• CERN:</li> <li>• Tsinghua:</li> <li>• Valencia:</li> <li>• Trieste:</li> <li>• SLAC:</li> <li>• LANL:</li> <li>• INFN Frascati:</li> <li>• Melbourne:</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NEXTEF</li> <li>XBox-2,3 and SBox</li> <li>TPot</li> <li>IFIC VBox</li> <li>FERMI S-Band</li> <li>Cryo-systems</li> <li>CERF-NM</li> <li>TEX</li> <li>AusBox</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TU Eindhoven:</li> <li>• Tsinghua:</li> <li>• CERN:</li> <li>• INFN Frascati:</li> <li>• DESY:</li> <li>• CHUV/CERN:</li> <li>• Daresbury:</li> <li>• Trieste:</li> <li>• + MANY MORE!!!!</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smart*Light, ICS</li> <li>VIGAS, ICS</li> <li>AWAKE electron injector</li> <li>EuPRAXIA@SPARC LAB, accelerator</li> <li>SINBAD/ARES, deflector</li> <li>DEFT, medical accelerator</li> <li>CLARA, linearizer</li> <li>FERMI energy upgrade</li> </ul> |
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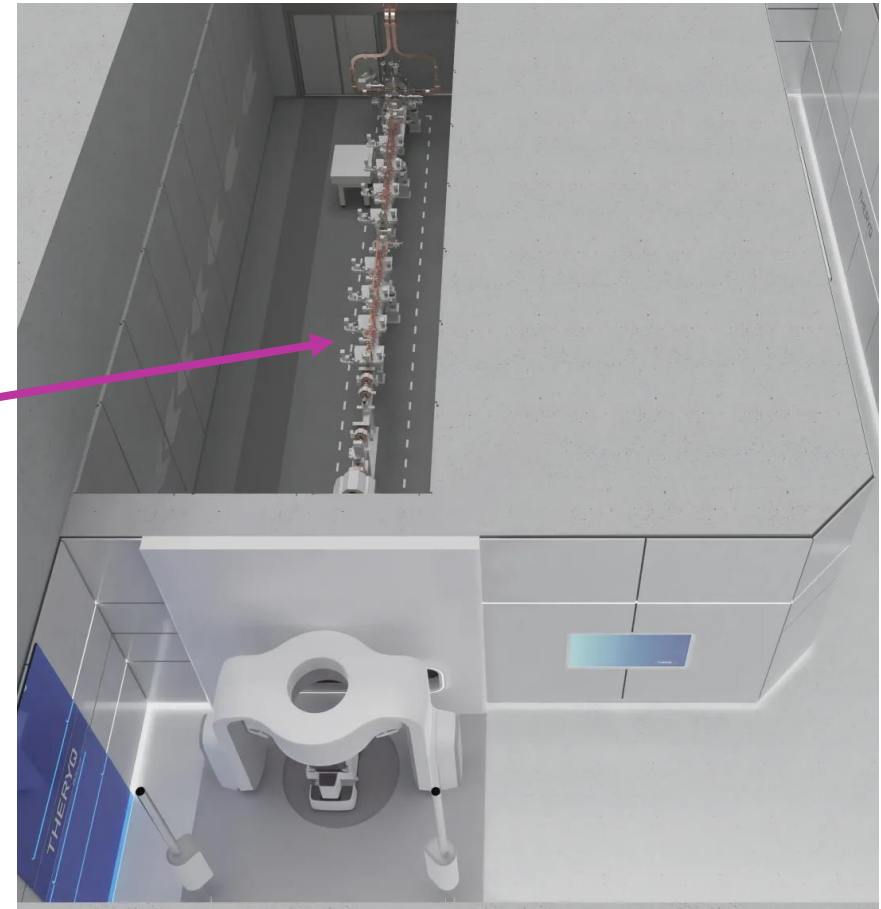
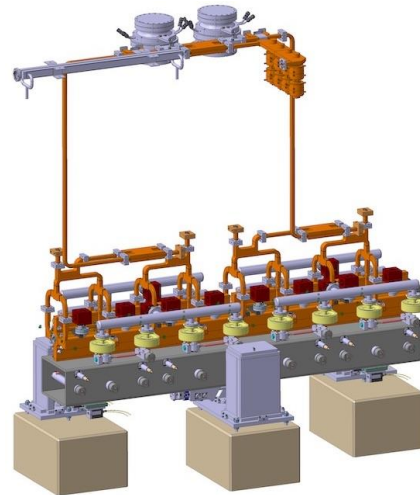
# Medical - DEFT (Deep Electron Flash Therapy)

- **CERN-CHUV-THERYQ collaboration**

- VHEE (100 – 250 MeV)
- FLASH (>40 Gy/s, < 100 ms)
- Clinical trials planned for 2025

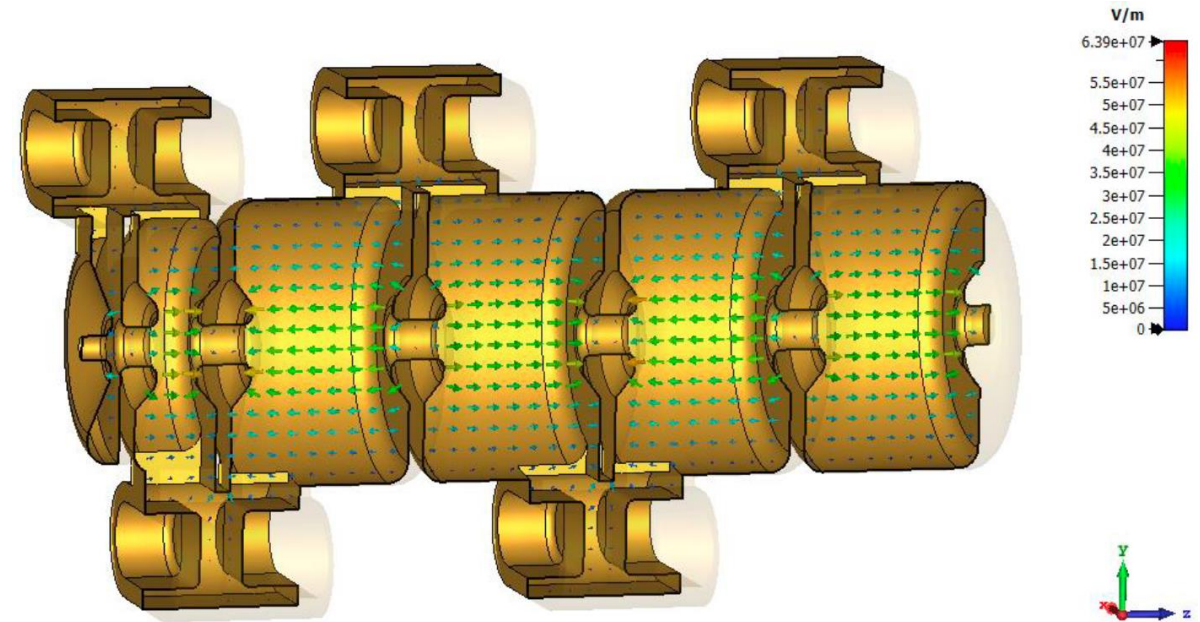
- **Accelerator technology**

- S-band photoinjector
- X-band accelerating structures mounted on girders
- X-band klystrons with pulse compressor



# Medical - STELLA (Smart Technologies to Extend Lives with Linear Accelerators)

- **CERN-ICEC-STFC-Lancaster University-Oxford University-Cambridge University collaboration**
  - 6 MeV electron linac for x-ray radiotherapy
  - Optimised for LMICs
  - Prototype construction by late 2020s
- **Accelerator technology**
  - Single high-capture, high-gradient accelerating structure
  - Long lifetime RF power source
  - Modular, upgradable (hardware and software), maintainable design ethos.



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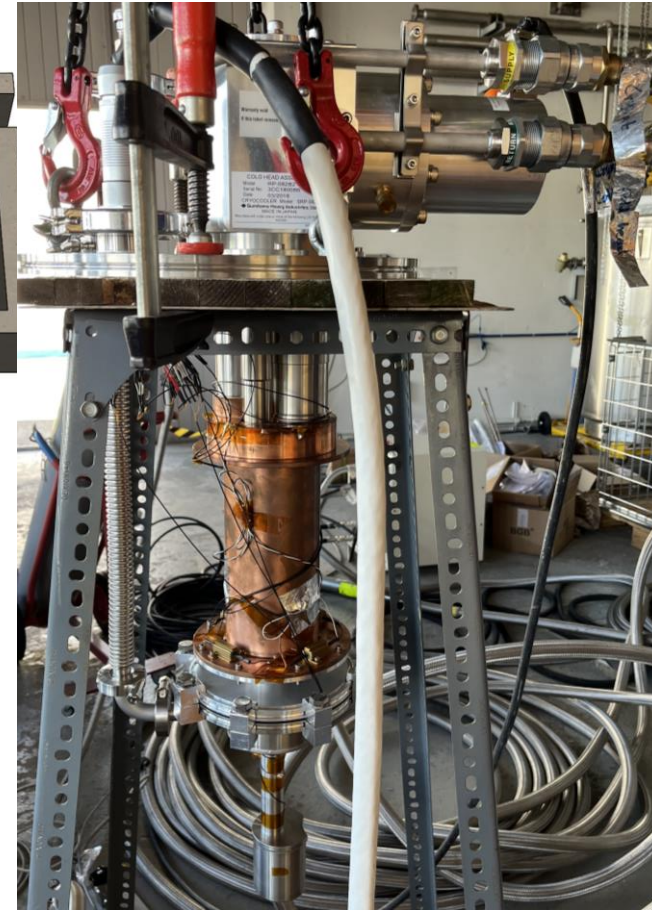
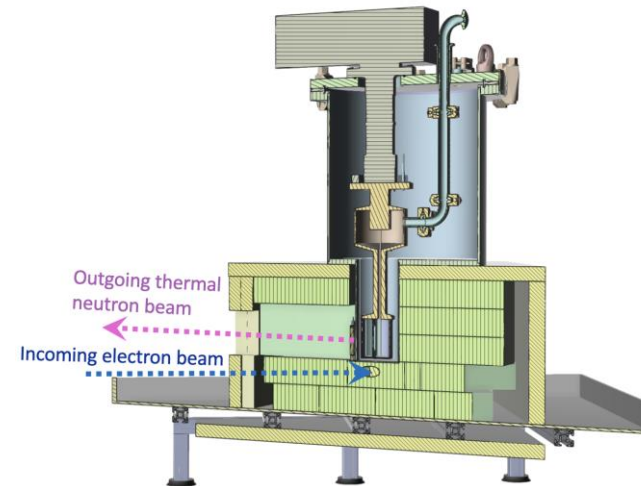
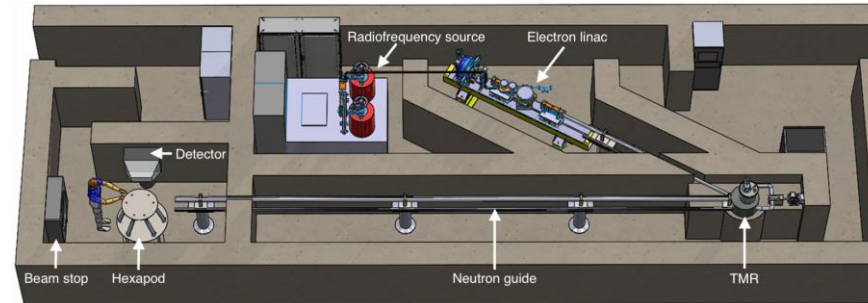
# Industrial - VULCAN (Versatile ULtra-Compact Advanced Neutron Generator)

## CERN-DAES-DTI-Xnovotech collaboration

- 35 MeV, kW-scale electron linac
- Target-moderator-reflector for converting electrons to thermal neutrons
- Stress-strain measurements, battery & fuel-cell investigations
- Proof of concept testing in CLEAR this year, complete prototype construction by mid-late 2020s

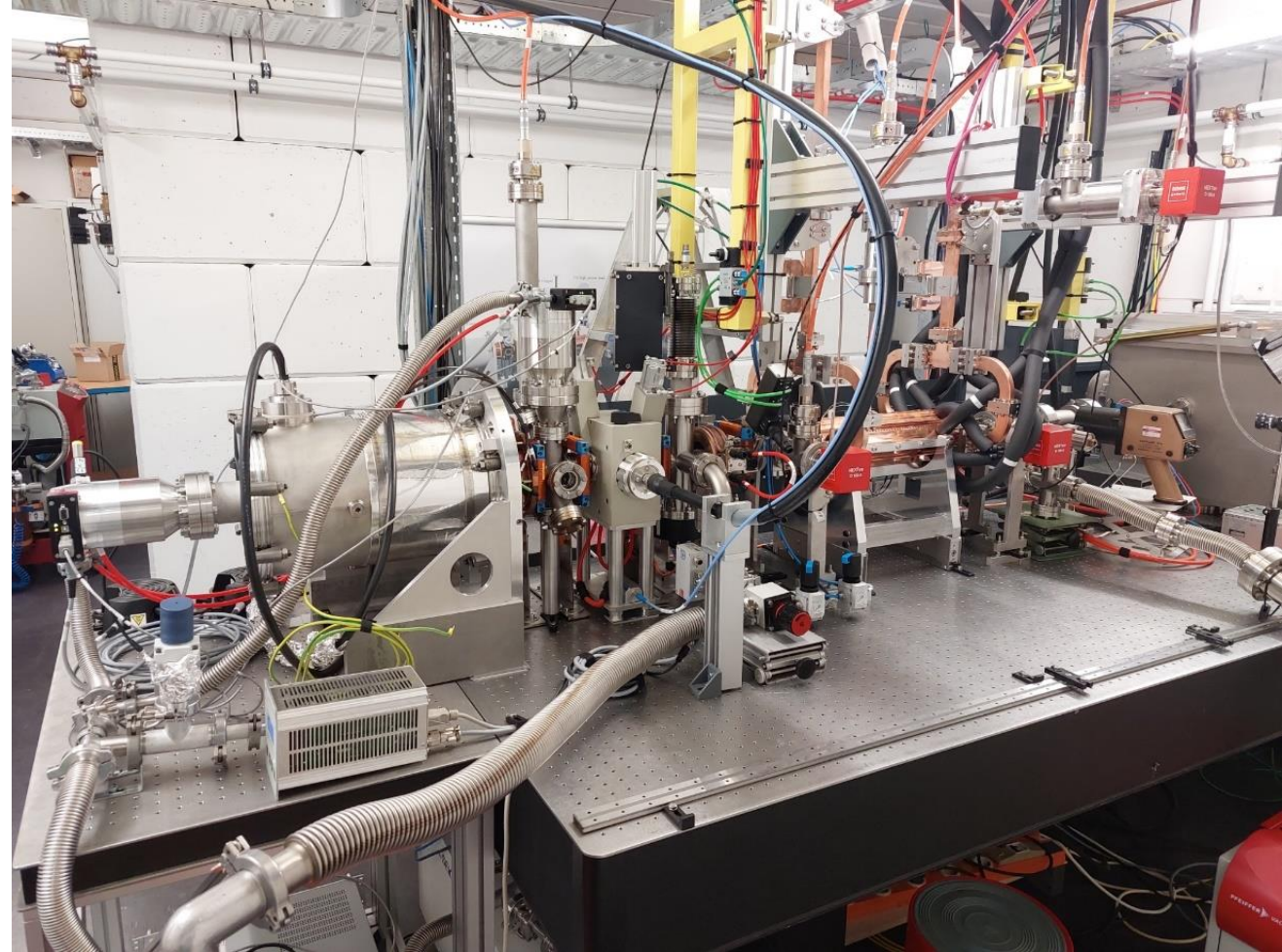
## Accelerator technology

- High-gradient accelerating structures and pulse compressor optimized for compactness, cost, beam power and efficiency
- High-power, high-efficiency klystrons



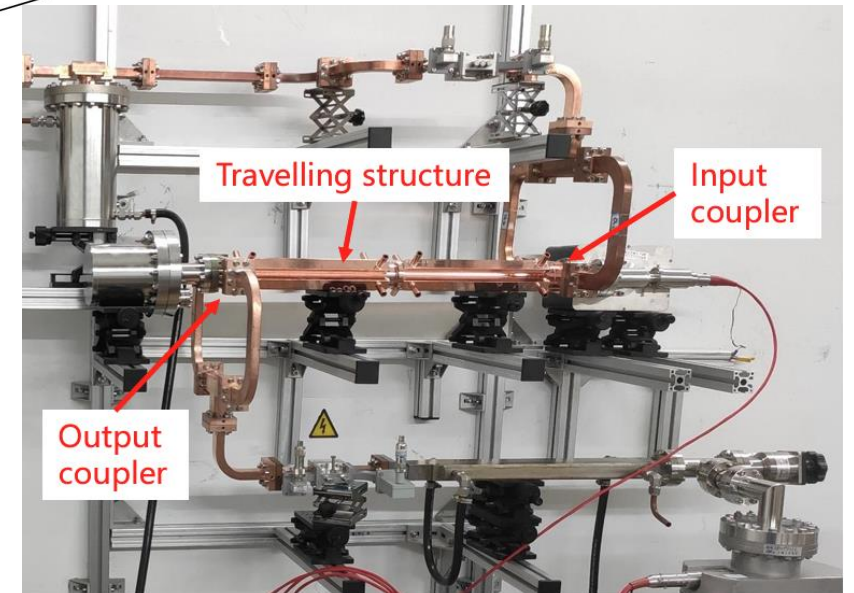
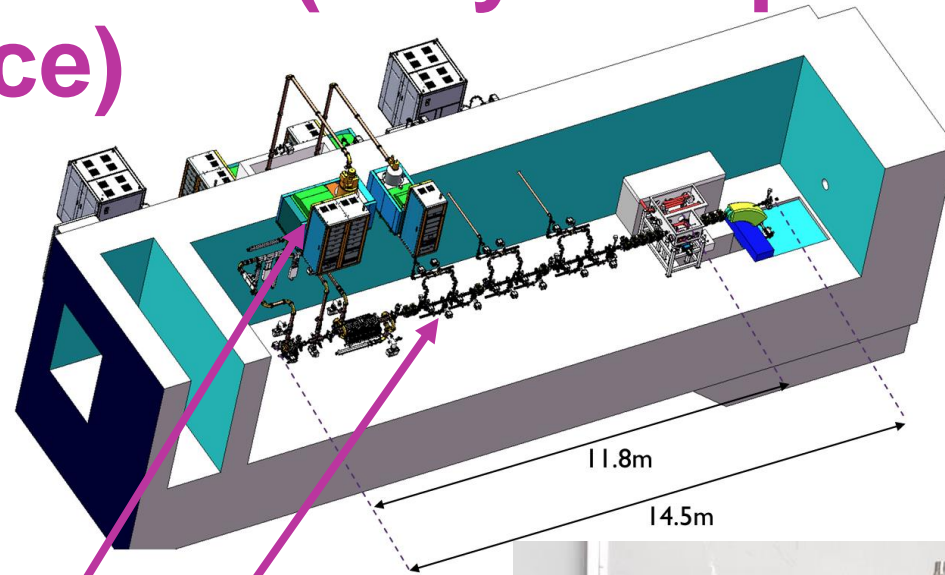
# Research / Industrial - Smart\*Light

- **Dutch-Flemish collaboration, at Eindhoven University of Technology**
  - 30 MeV electrons producing 40 keV X-rays through laser interaction
  - Upgrading to Smart\*Light 2.0 with 60 MeV and 100x higher repetition rate
  - Table-top device in operation
- **Accelerator technology**
  - Single X-band accelerating structure
  - 6 MW X-band klystron with pulse compressor



# Research / Industrial - VIGAS (Very compact Inverse Compton Gamma-Source)

- **Hosted at Tsinghua University**
  - 350 MeV electrons producing 0.2–4.8 MeV gamma-rays through laser interaction
  - Accelerating structures fabricated, tuned and tested
  - Operate at full energy by late 2025
- **Accelerator technology**
  - S-band injector
  - Three 50 MW X-band klystron with pulse compressor
  - Six 72-cell X-band accelerating structures

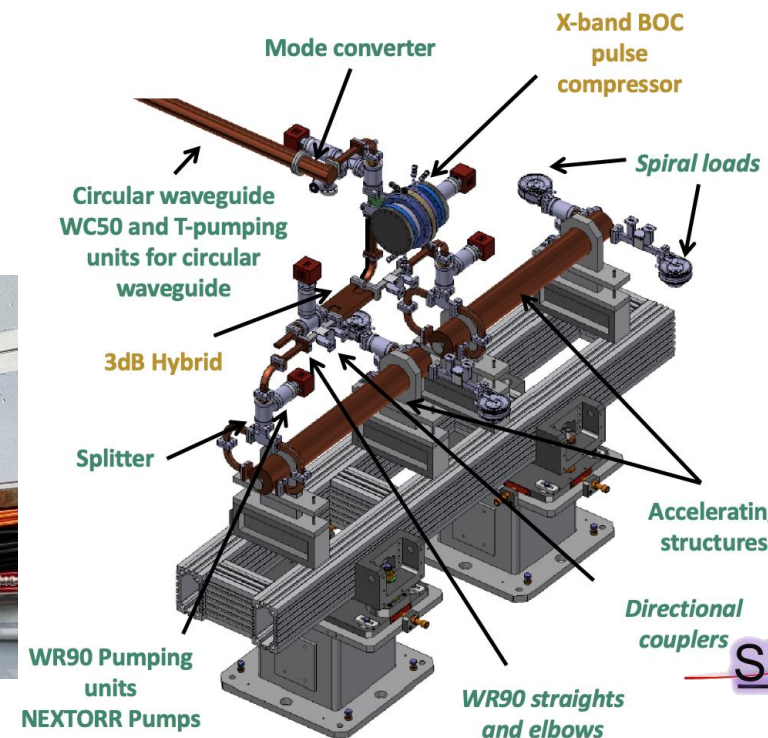
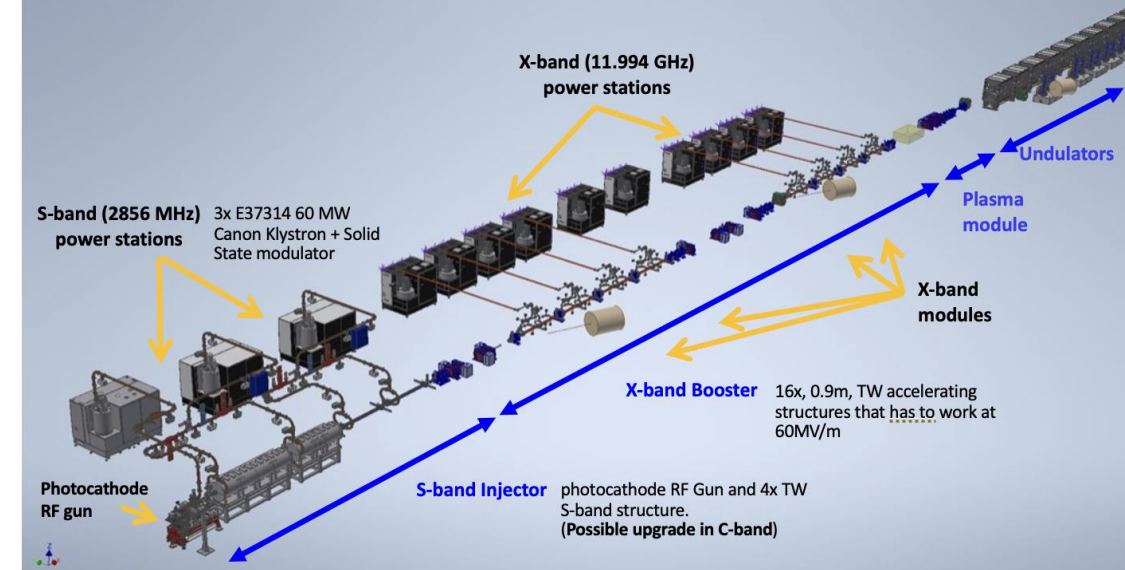
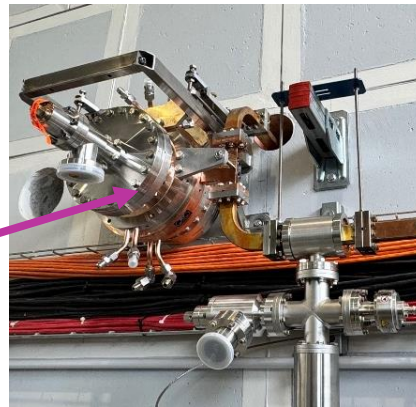


# Research - EuPRAXIA@SPARC\_LAB

- 41 laboratory collaboration, hosted at INFN Frascati
  - FEL facility driven by plasma acceleration
  - 1 GeV X-band electron linac driver of a plasma wakefield accelerator
  - Expected ready for operation in 2028

## Accelerator technology

- S-band injector
- 50 MW X-band klystrons
- X-band pulse compressor
- X-band accelerating structures



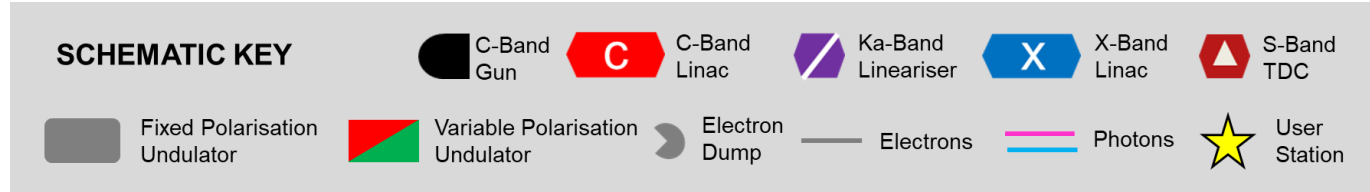
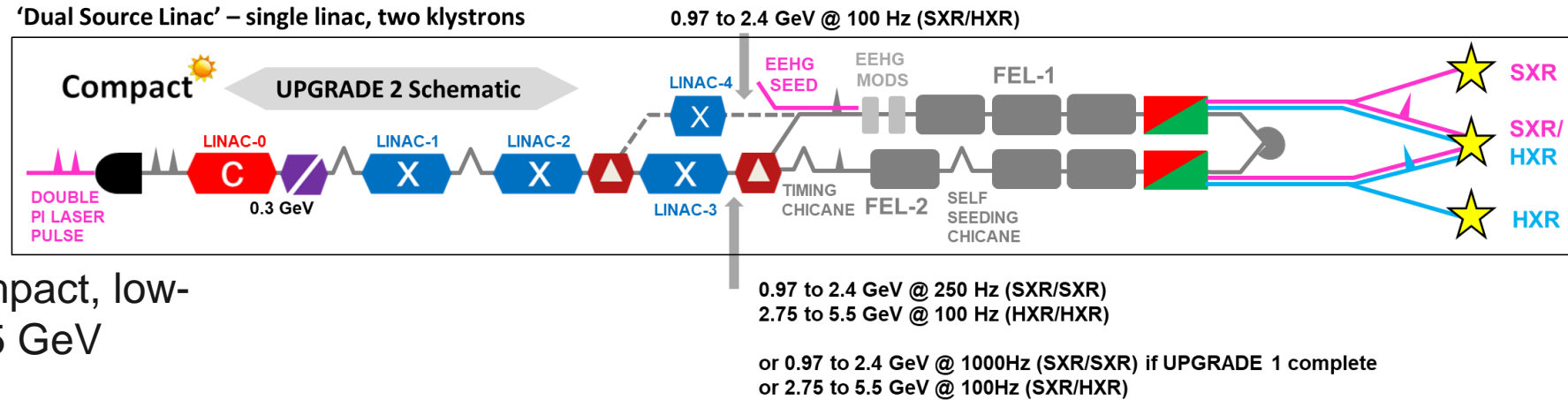
# Research / Industrial – CompactLight

- **26 laboratory collaboration**

- CDR developed for a compact, low-cost XFEL driven by a 5.5 GeV electron beam
- Hard (2-16 keV) X-rays at 1 kHz
- Soft (0.25-2 keV) X-rays at 100 Hz

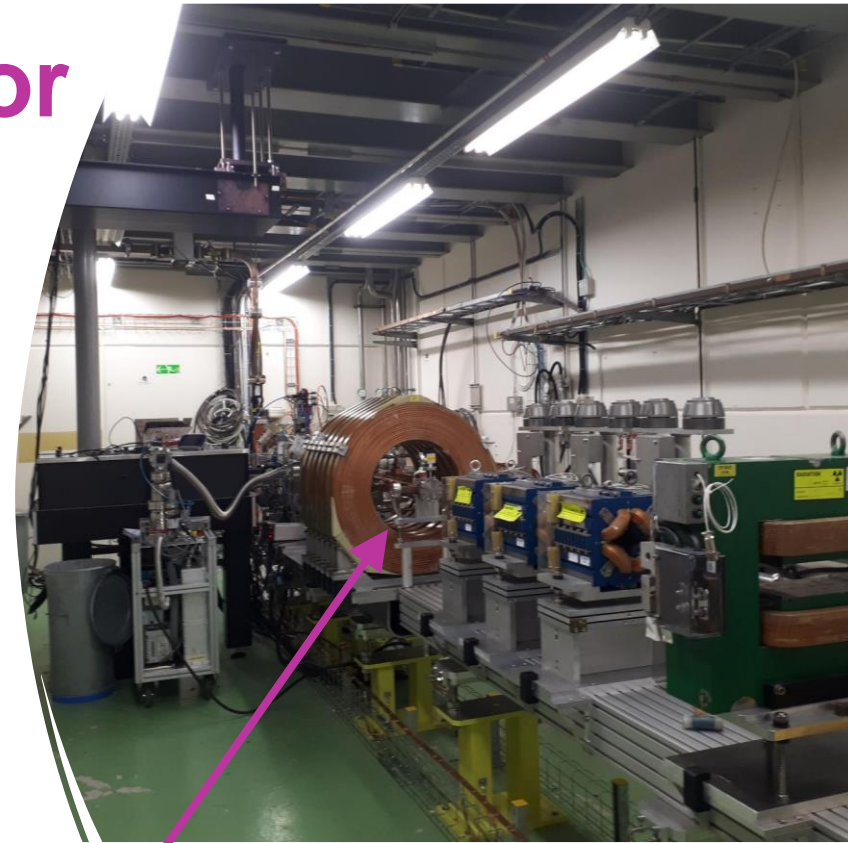
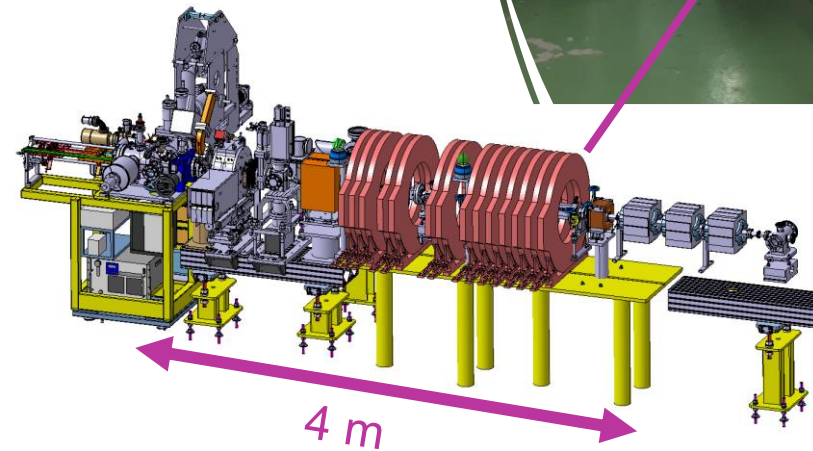
- **Accelerator technology**

- C-band injector
- X-band accelerating structures

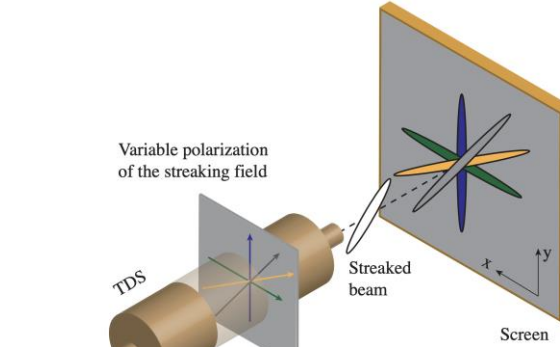


# Research – CLEAR / AWAKE Injector

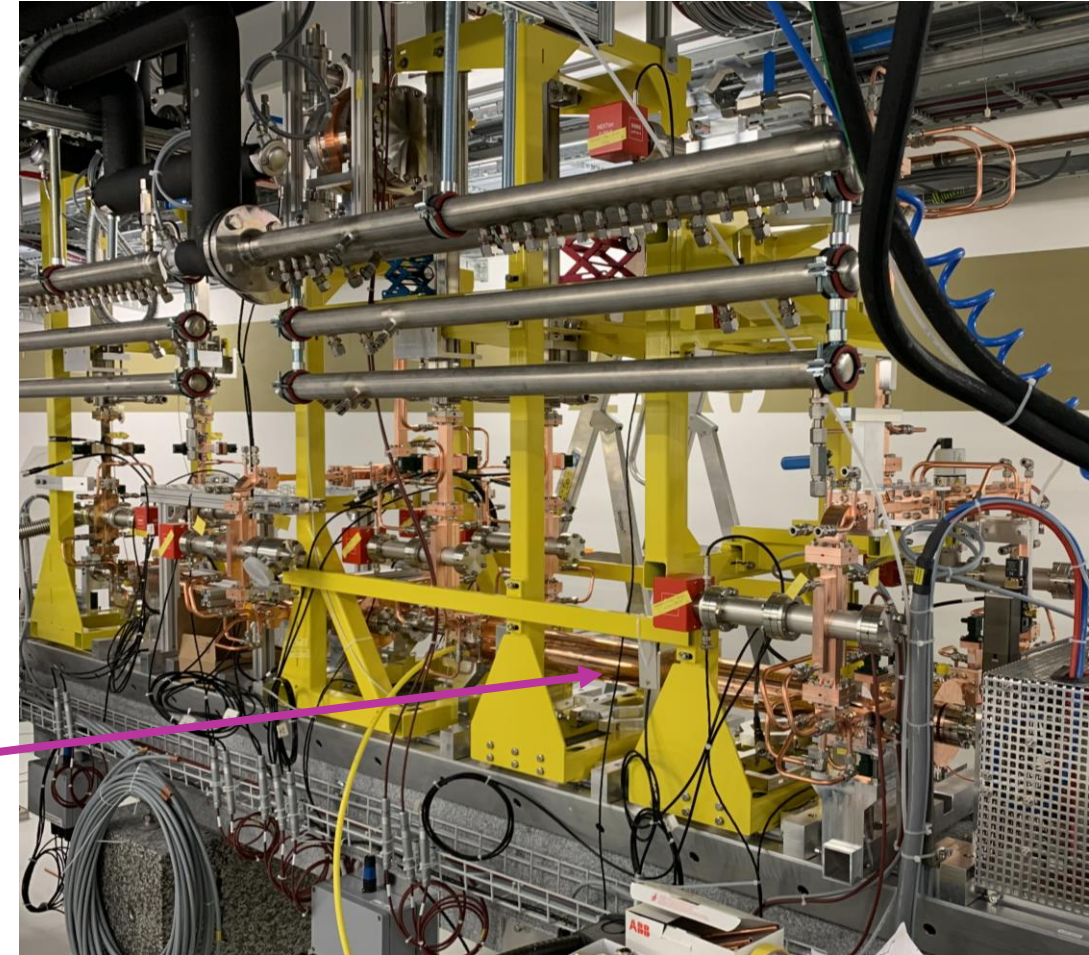
- **Hosted at CERN**
  - Demonstrate velocity bunching and emittance preservation with X-band
  - Standardise as injector for many applications
  - Currently undergoing experimentation in CERN's CLEAR facility to utilise as an ICS
- **Accelerator technology**
  - S-band injector system with RF-gun
  - X-band bunching and accelerating structures



# Research - PolariX



- **CERN-DESY-PSI collaboration**
  - High-resolution, time-resolved diagnostic tool
  - Transverse and longitudinal slice properties
  - fs and sub-fs resolution
  - Diagnose multidimensional phase space to study complex beam dynamics
  - 3D charge distribution reconstruction
  - Deployed in SwissFEL
- **Accelerator technology**
  - X-band pulse compressor
  - Polarizable X-band transverse deflecting structure



# Conclusions

- **High-gradient, high-efficiency accelerator technologies developed for CLIC useful in a wide-range compact electron linacs for research, medical, and industrial applications**
  - Numerous projects highlighted
- **Wide-spread adoption benefits the original CLIC research and society at large!**





# Conclusions

- Thank you
- X-band and high-gradient facilities are documented by Walter Wuensch.

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