

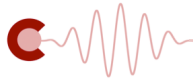
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# ELI-Extreme Light Infrastructures: An overview

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# Facilities

ESFRI map

Big scientific facilities  
during last decades:

CLF - RAL

GSI - Phelix

LOA - Saclay

CILEX

MBI Berlin

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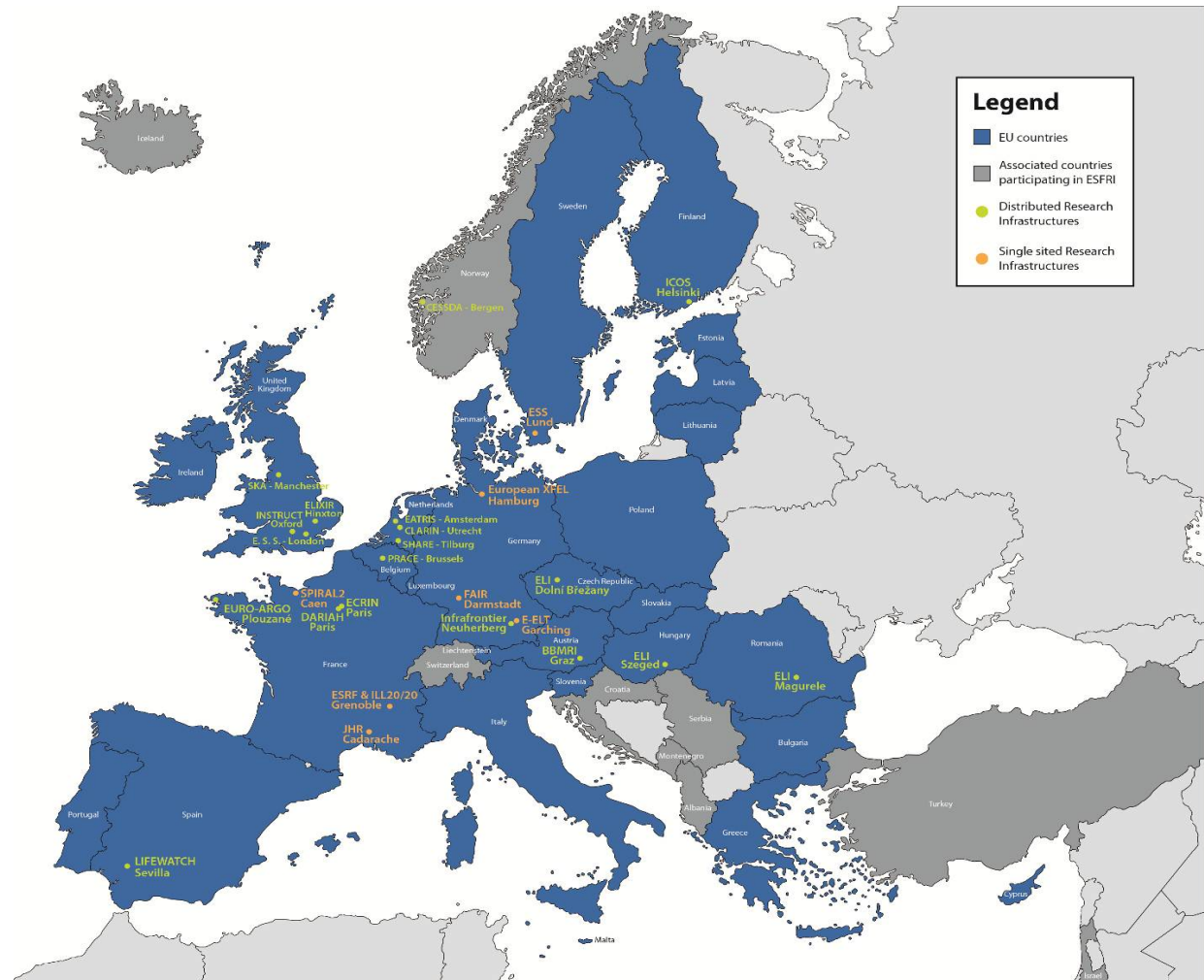
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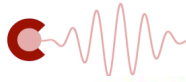
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and more ...



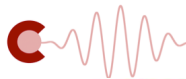


# Laserlab Europe



The "**Integrated Initiative**" of European Laser Infrastructures  
in the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme of the European Union

**Leading-edge research based on advanced laser sources.** This activity aims at furthering the integration of state-of-the art laser technology enabling a wide range of novel applications with high industrial and social impact, such as bio-and nanophotonics, (bio)material analyses, (bio)medical diagnosis and treatment, communication and data processing. Synergies with relevant ESFRI Infrastructures, such as European XFEL, EUROFEL and ELI, should be duly exploited.

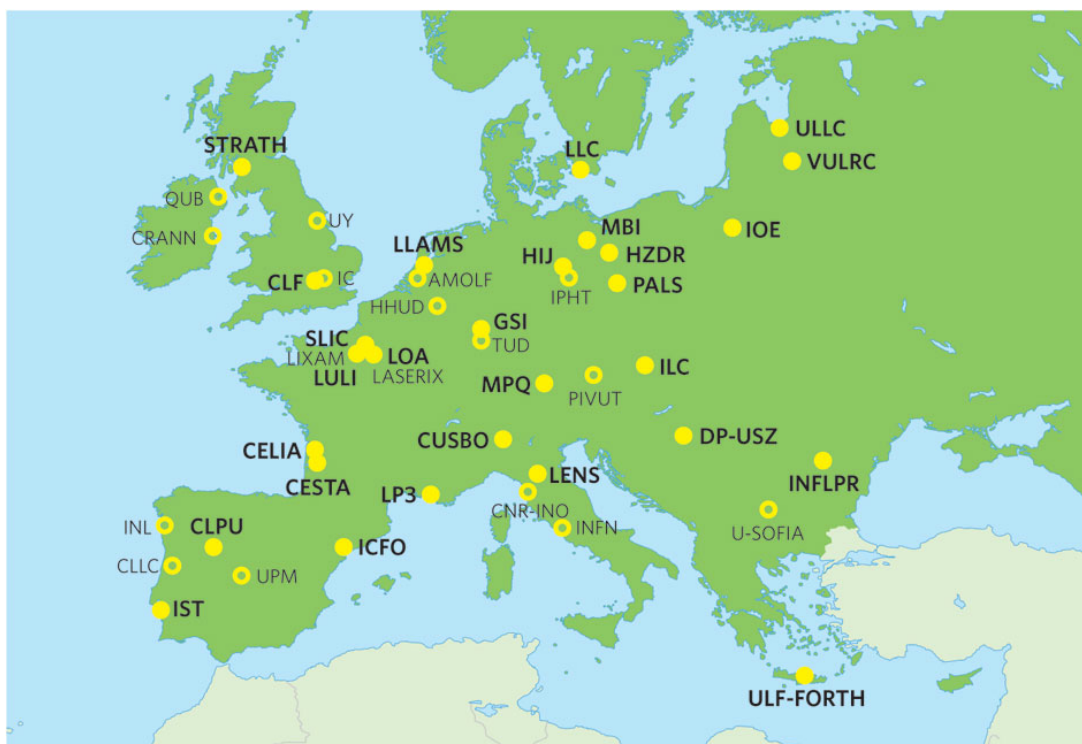


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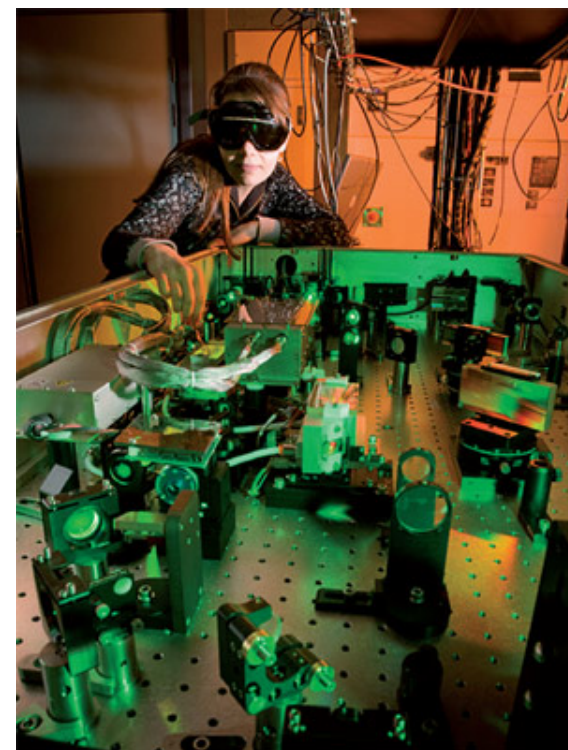


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30 leading institutions in laser-based inter-disciplinary research from 16 countries



Aligning one of the Ultra laser systems at CLF

## LaserLab IV proposal

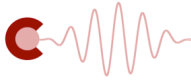
An Integrating Activity shall combine, in a closely co-ordinated manner:

- (i) **Networking activities**, to foster a culture of co-operation between research infrastructures, scientific communities, industries and other stakeholders as appropriate, and to help developing a more efficient and attractive European Research Area;
- (ii) **Trans-national access or virtual access activities**, to support scientific communities in their access to the identified research infrastructures;
- (iii) **Joint research activities**, to improve, in quality and/or quantity, the integrated services provided at European level by the infrastructures.

### JRA proposal:

- 1 **Biomedical Optics for Life Science Applications (BIOAPP)**
- 2 **Innovative Laser Technologies (ILAT)**
- 3 **Photonic Techniques for Material Analysis, Nano-science and Sensing (PHOTMAT)**
- 4 **Laser-driven High Energy Photon and Particle Sources towards Industrial and Societal Applications (LEPP)**

# History of ELI

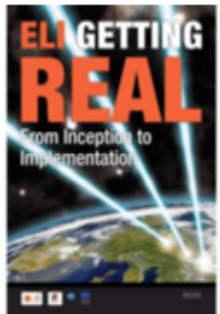


2005: Idea of an Extreme Light Infrastructure (ELI) by G. Mourou



2007: ELI enters PP and ESFRI roadmap

13 countries; >300 projects



2010: ELI-PP Gives over to ELI-NP/ELI-ALPS/ELI-BEAMS

2011



2012



2013

ELI-ALPS





# *The ELI Project*

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ELI will be the world's first international laser research infrastructure, pursuing unique science and research applications for international users.

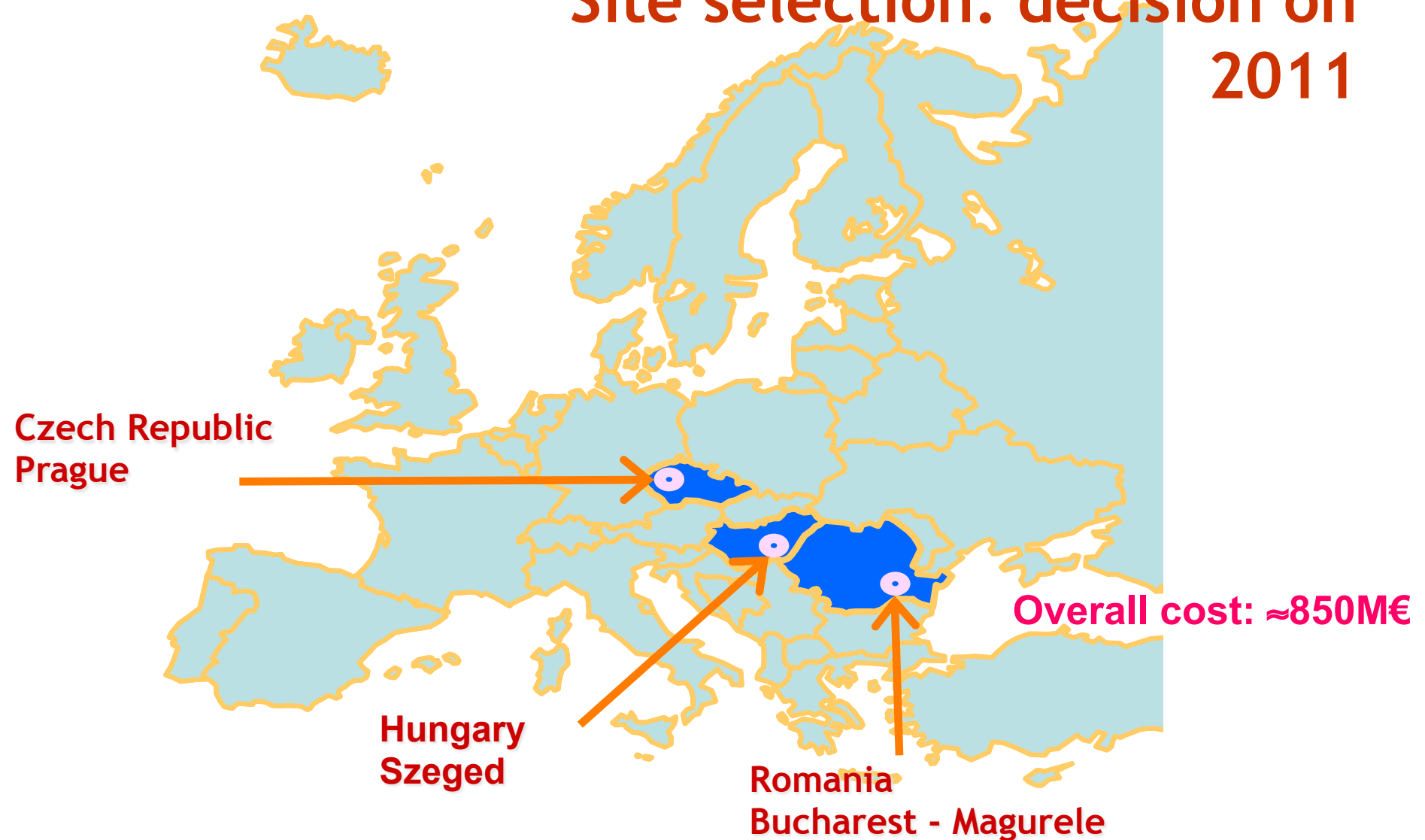
ELI will be implemented as a distributed research infrastructure based initially on 3 specialised and complementary facilities located in the Czech Republic, Hungary and Romania.

ELI is the first ESFRI project to be fully implemented in the newer EU Member States.

ELI is pioneering a novel funding model combining the use of EU structural funds (ERDF) for the implementation, and member contributions to a yet to be established European Research Infrastructure Consortium ERIC for the operation.

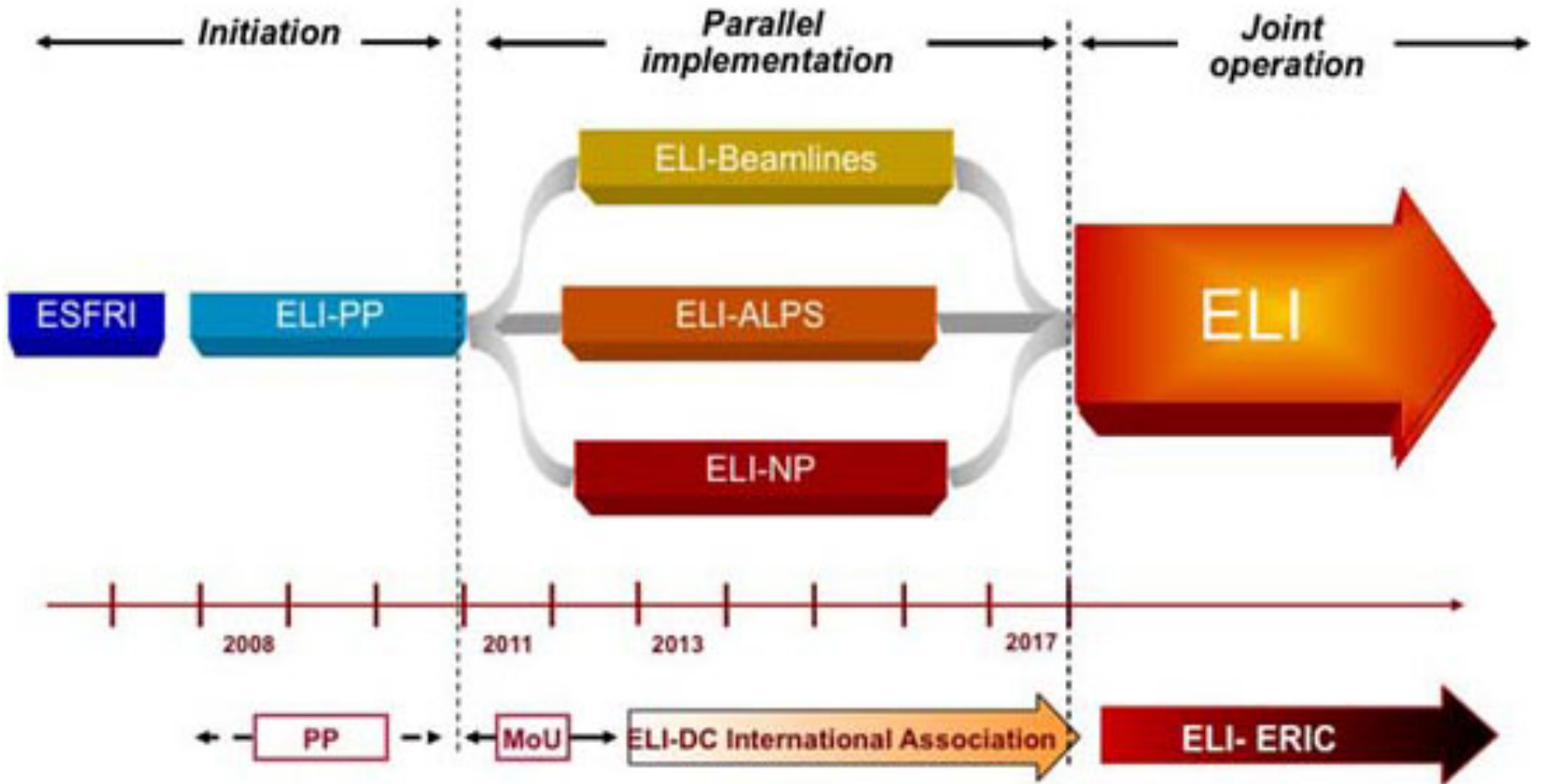
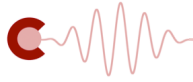


# Site selection: decision on 2011

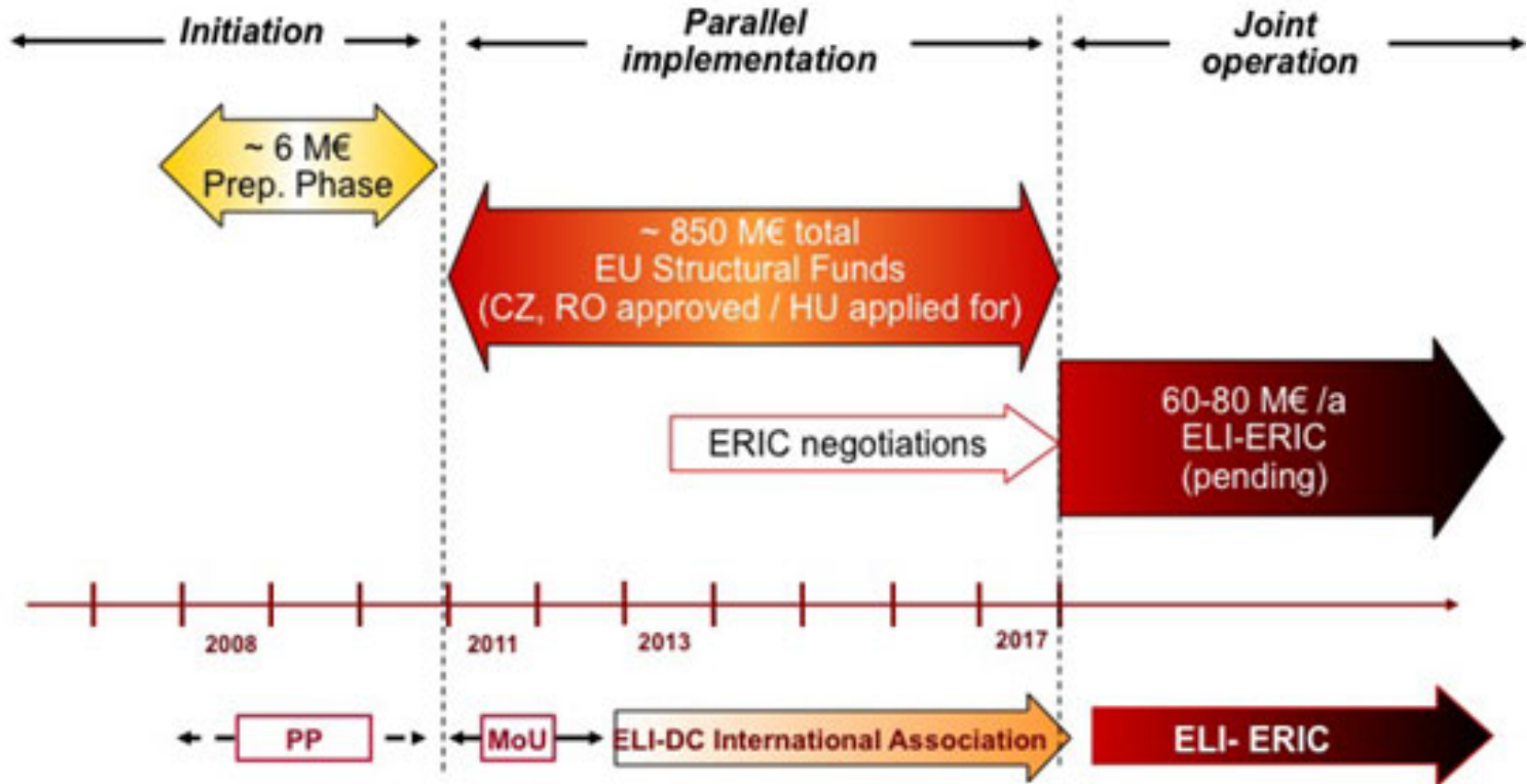


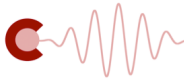


# Timeline of ELI



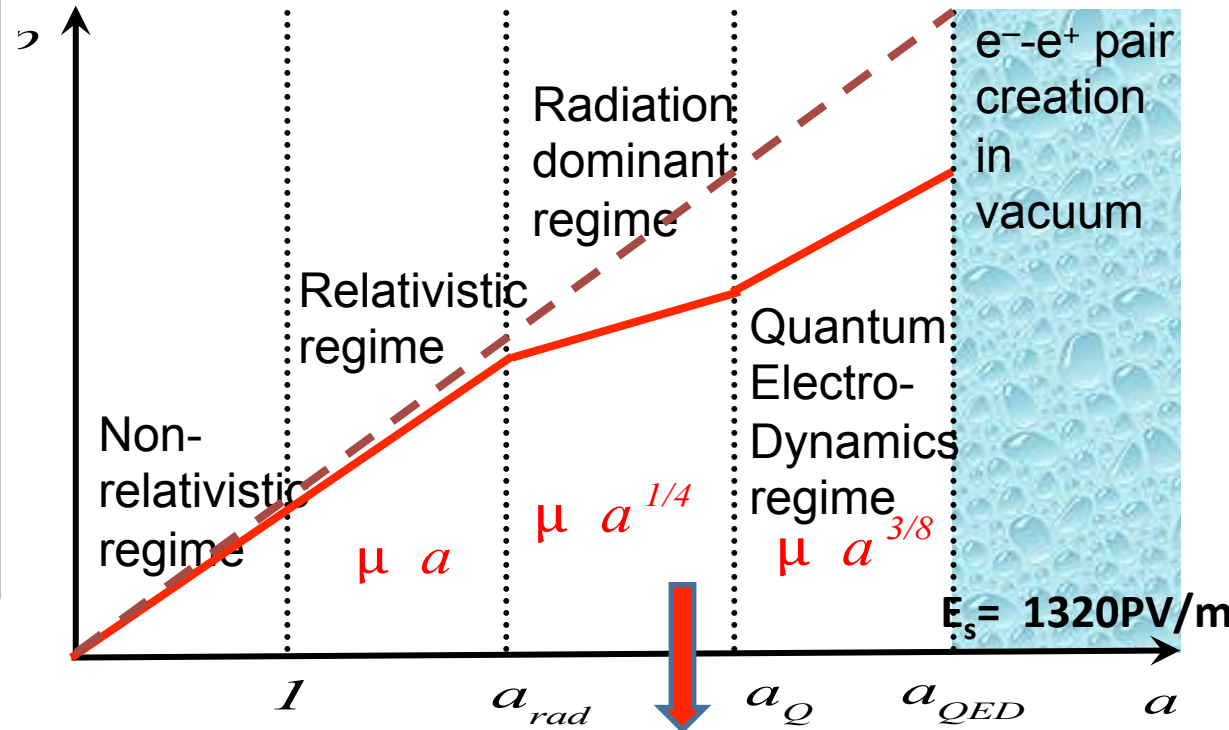
# Budget evolution for ELI





# SUMMARY of Laser-Plasma Interaction in “Radiation-Dominant” Regimes

Amplitude $\left[ a_0 = \frac{cE_0}{m_e c \omega} \right]$	Intensity $\left[ \frac{W}{cm^2} \right]$	Regime
$a_{QED} = \frac{m_e c^2}{\hbar \omega}$	$2.4 \times 10^{29}$	$e^+, e^-$ in vacuum
$a_{QM} = \frac{2e^2 m_e c}{3\hbar^2 \omega}$	$5.6 \times 10^{24}$	quantum effects
$a_p = \frac{m_p}{m_e}$	$1.3 \times 10^{24}$	ultra - relativistic p
$a_{rad} = \left( \frac{3\lambda}{4\pi r_e} \right)^{1/3}$	$1 \times 10^{23}$	radiation damping
$a_{rel} = 1$	$1.3 \times 10^{18}$	relativistic $e^-$



Currently

$$I_{max} = 10^{22} \text{ W/cm}^2$$

ELI pushes the limits by more than 2 orders

$$a_{rad}^c = 408 \quad \gamma = 70 \text{ MeV}$$

**Ultrarelativistic ELI**  
 $a_0 > 2000, E = 4 \text{ PV/m}$



**530 pages**  
**Science, technology**  
**and implementation**  
**strategies of ELI**

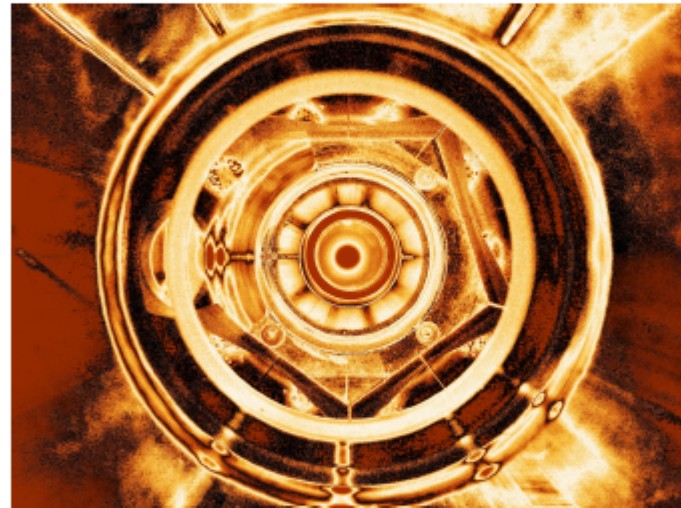
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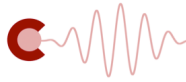
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# ELI pillars

**ELI-ALPS, Hu**



[Attosecond XUV/X-ray physics](#)

Applications in material sciences and biology

**ELI-Beamlines, Cz**



[High-brightness sources of X-rays & particles](#)

Molecular & biomedical sciences, particle acceleration, dense plasma physics, exotic physics

**ELI-NP, Ro**



[Laser-induced nuclear physics](#)

Photonuclear science and applications

Site to be determined

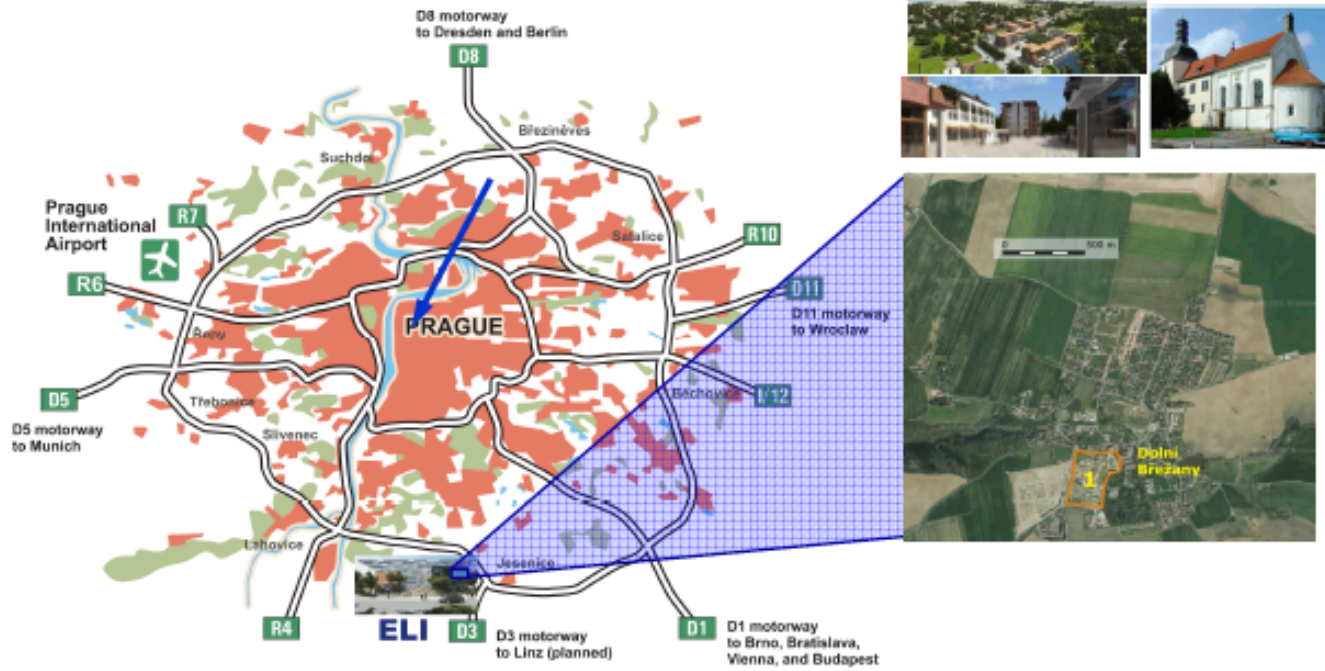
**High-intensity development**



[Exawatt-class laser technology](#)

High-intensity laser technologies for frontier physical research

# ELI-Beamlines location



- Proximity of international airport (15 min drive), enjoyable surroundings, behind the border of Prague (funding issues)
- Synergy with planned large biotechnology center BIOCEV (2 km distance)
- Direct connection to Prague outer ring and the European motorway network

# ELI-Beamlines project mission: fundamental & applied research

- High-repetition rate and high average power lasers using diode-pumping
- Ultra-high peak power of 10 PW, focused intensities up to  $10^{24}$  Wcm<sup>-2</sup>

## 1. Generation of rep-rated femtosecond secondary sources of radiation and particles

- XUV and X-ray sources (monochromatic and broadband)
- Accelerated electrons (2 GeV 10 Hz rep-rate, 100 GeV low rep-rate),  
protons (200-400 MeV 10 Hz rep-rate, >3 GeV low-rep-rate)
- Gamma-ray sources (broadband)

## 2. Programmatic applications of rep-rated femtosecond secondary sources

- Medical research including proton therapy
- Molecular, biomedical and material sciences
- Physics of dense plasmas, laser fusion, laboratory astrophysics

## 3. High-field physics experiments with focused intensities $10^{23}$ - $10^{24}$ Wcm<sup>-2</sup>

- “Exotic” physics, non-linear QED: sophisticated pump-probe capabilities

## 4. Development & testing new technologies for multi-PW laser systems

- Generation and compression of 10-PW ultrashort pulses, coherent superposition, etc.



# Science Case at ELI-Beamlines

ELI-Beamlines bid: balance between fundamental science and applications

ELI-Beamlines will be international user facility, partnership experiments & projects

## Research Program 1

Lasers generating rep-rate ultrashort pulses & multi-petawatt peak powers, B. Rus

## Research Program 2

X-ray sources driven by rep-rate ultrashort laser pulses, S. Sebban

## Research Program 3

Particle acceleration by lasers, D. Margarone

## Research Program 4

Applications in molecular, biomedical, and material sciences, J. Andreasson

## Research Program 5

Laser plasma and high-energy-density physics, S. Weber

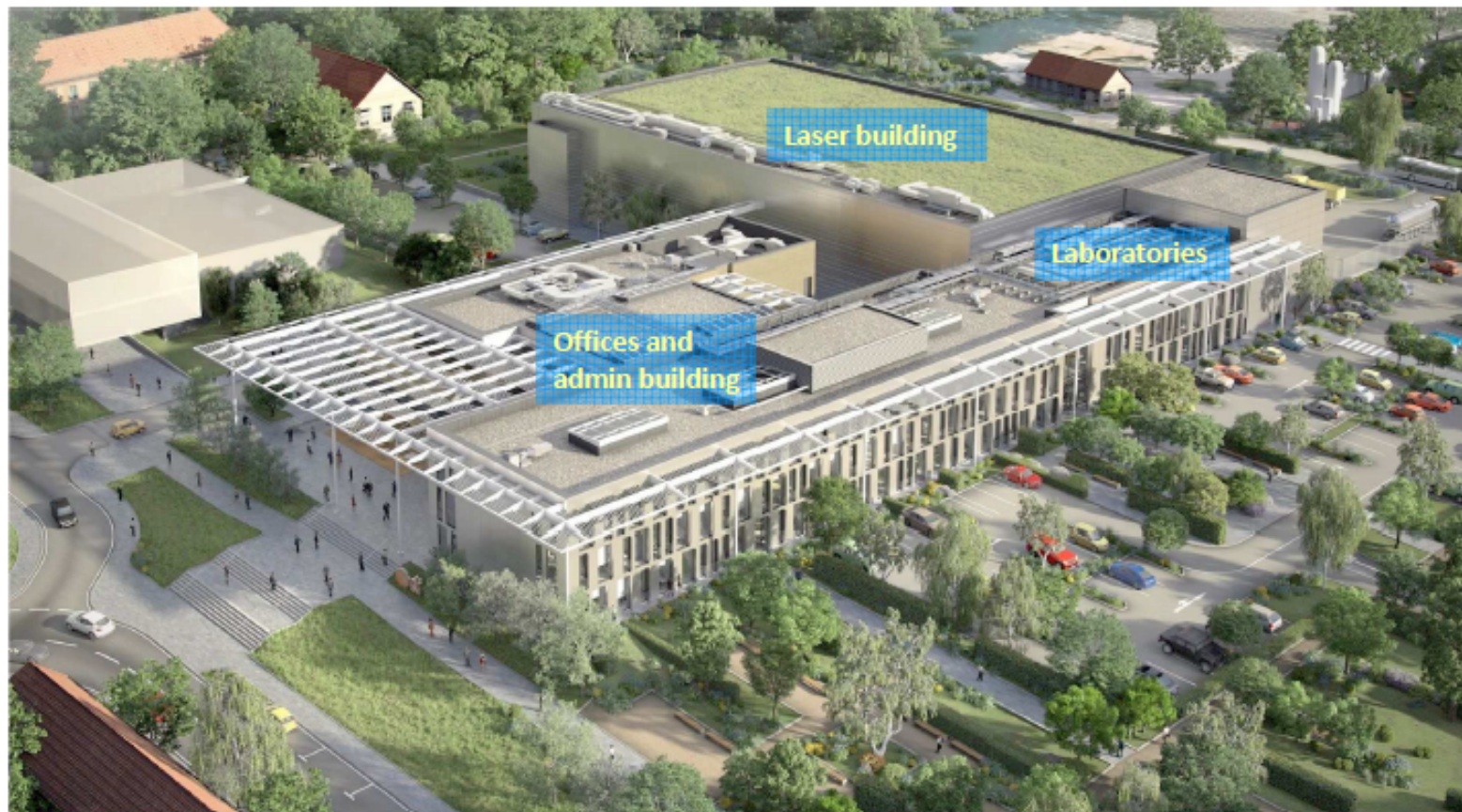
## Research Program 6

High-field physics and theory (steps to  $10^{23}\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ , radiation reaction plays role)

# ELI project background

May 2010	ELI-Beamlines pre-approved for funding
Apr 2011	ELI-Beamlines funding approved by EC
Aug 2011	Funding (278 M€) signed by the Czech Rep's Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth
Dec 2012	Agreement from EC to deliver facility after 2015 European Regional Development Fund (infrastructural funds)
May 2013	Facility Construction start
Sept 2015	Start of installation of laser systems
Dec 2015	Phase I completed: two laser units + support installed
2016-2017	Phase II: lasers & experiments installed
2018	Facility commissioning and start of user action

# ELI-Beamlines facility aerial view



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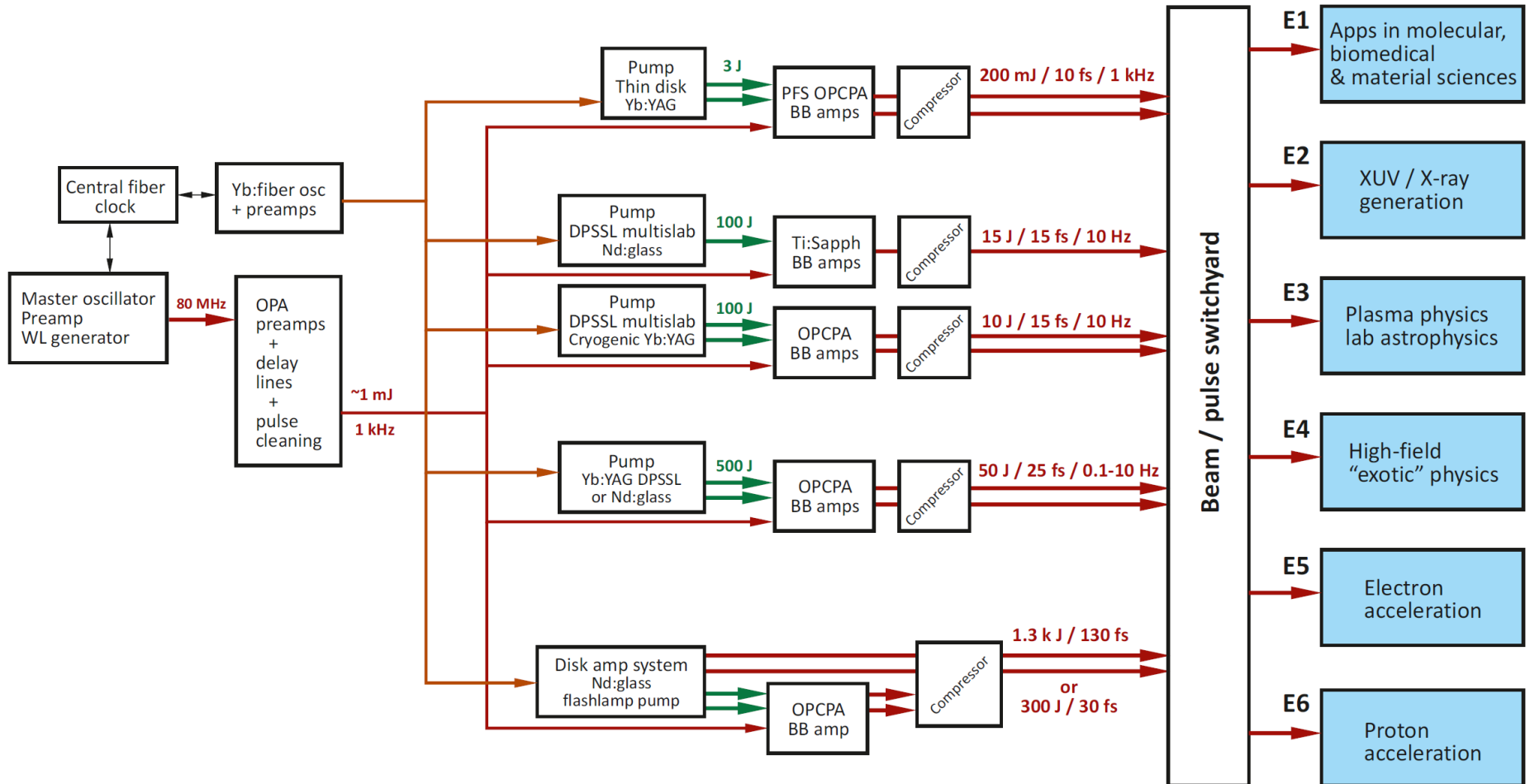
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- ✓ Facility layouts
- ✓ **Lasers (RP1)**
- ✓ Beam transport and switchyard
- ✓ Experiments (RP2-RP6)
- ✓ RP3 (ion and electron acceleration)

**Research Program 1 (Lasers) team: 42 people**

11 Senior Researchers, 18 Junior Researchers, 9 Engineers/ Technicians, 4 Support

## Laser system

## Exp. areas

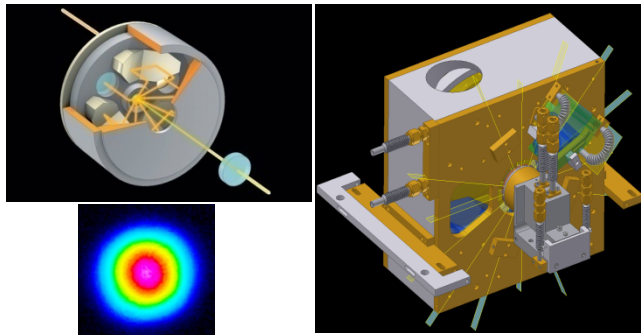
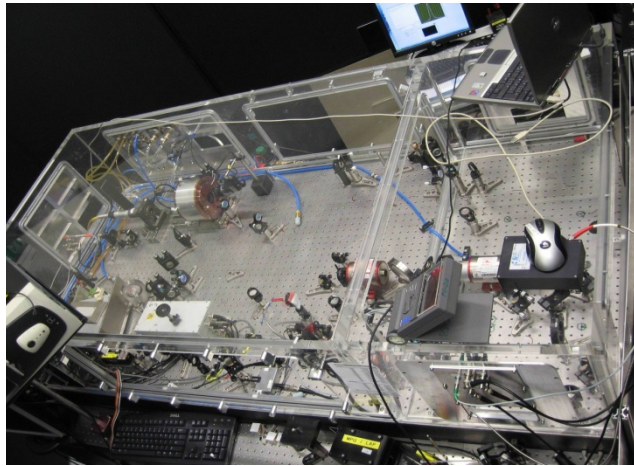


# Technologies of rep-rate pump lasers for ELI-Beamlines

## Thin disk pump technology

Development at MPQ/LMU/MBI

ELI: cooperation on scaling to >kW avg power  
0.5 kW 1.5ps, 3kHz



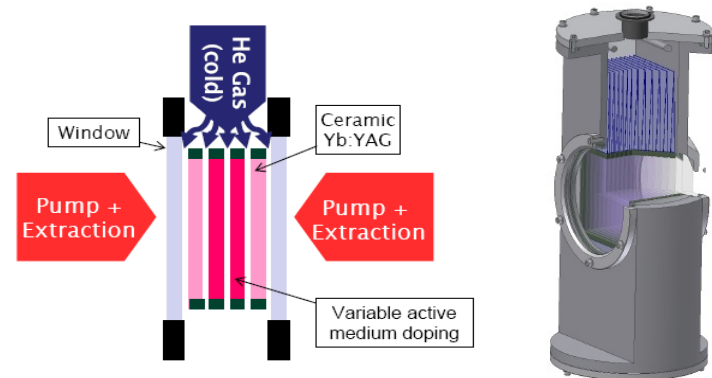
Design of 25 kW head

## Multislab pump technology

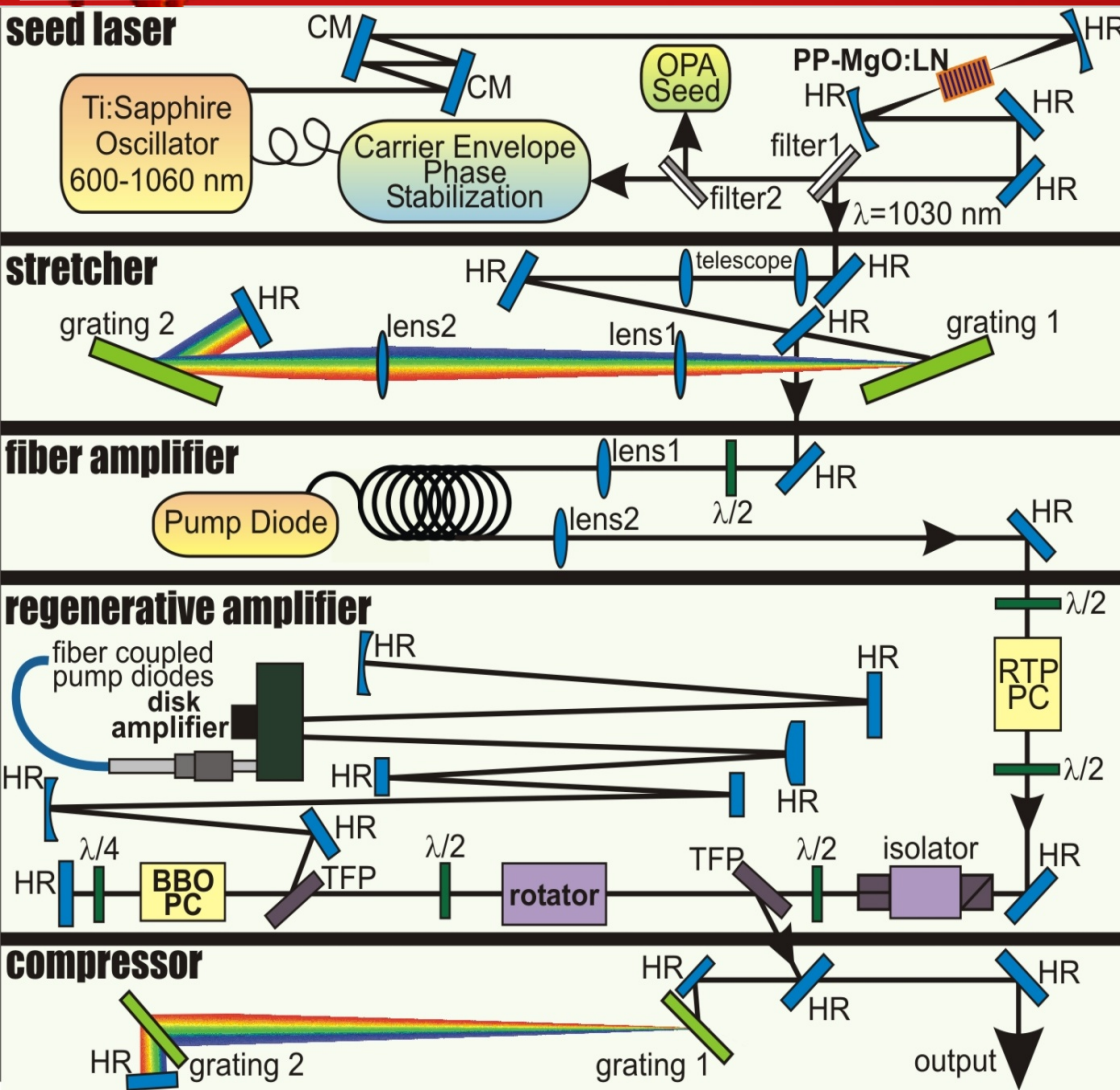
LLNL - Mercury 60J/10Hz,

Development of cryogenic Yb:YAG at RAL

ELI: cooperation on dev't of 500 J/10 Hz cryogenic amps,  
HILASE







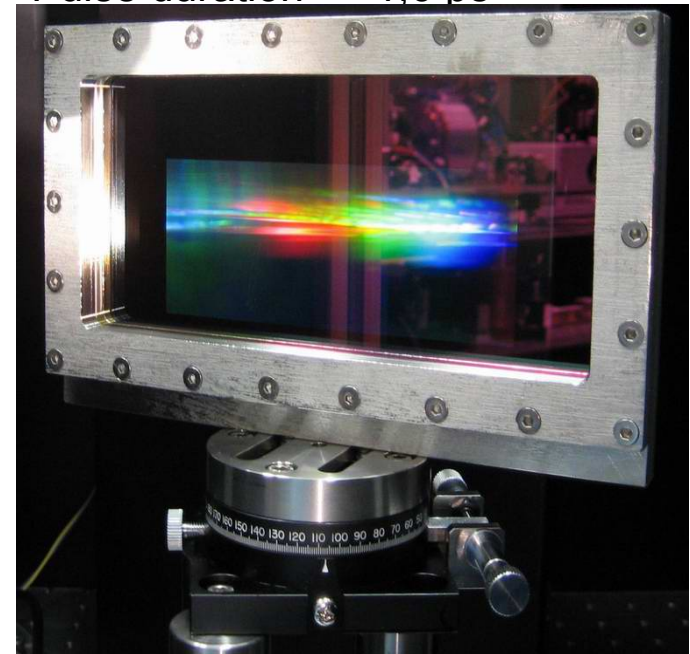
Compressor (negative GDD)  
(Uni Jena 1400 Lines/mm):

Bandwidth             $\sim 1$  nm @ 1030 nm

GDD                     $\sim -10^8$  fs<sup>2</sup>

Efficiency              $\sim 77$  %

Pulse duration        1,6 ps

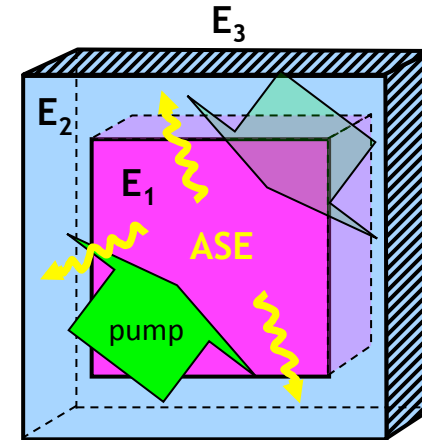
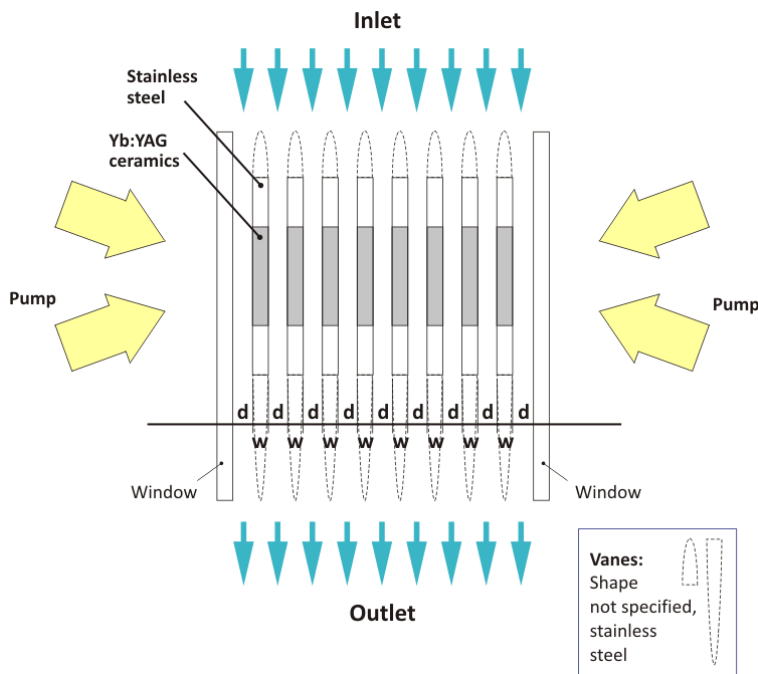


0.5 kW ; 1J-2 J, 1 kHz staging for pumping the OPCPA, 1 kHz, Common effort, MPQ,  
court.T. Metzger

# Modelling of ASE losses and energy budget in multislab lasers

Design phase of 500 J/ 10 Hz multislab amplifiers  
(collaboration with Rutherford Appleton Laboratory)

## Baseline model



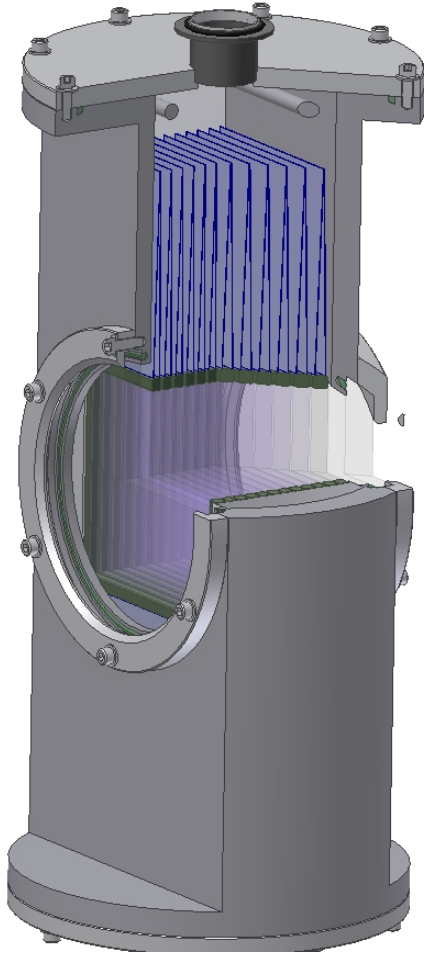
Heat sources in the crystal:

- Transition (>11 %):
  - Stokes defect
  - Quantum efficiency (non-radiative)
- Radiative (>35 %)
  - Absorption on impurities
  - Absorption on the ASE absorber
  - Higher orders effects (collective absorption)

8 Yb:YAG slabs, each 8 mm thick  
Nominal operation temp. 170K

- ASE losses can be limited by MLD absorptive coating or Cr:YAG absorber
- Heat conduction calculations predict < 4 K temperature non-uniformity

# Concept for 1 kJ DPSSL Amplifier, RAL design HILASE, HIPER



- Beam size  $14 \times 14 \text{ cm}^2 \Rightarrow 5 \text{ J/cm}^2$  extraction fluence (safe?)
- 2 Amplifier heads
- Pump  $5 \text{ kW/cm}^2$  each side for 1 ms
- $\Delta\lambda_{\text{pump}} = 5 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{c,pump}} = 939 \text{ nm}$
- Combined pump power 4 MW  $\Rightarrow$  need to reach 25% o-o efficiency
- 175 Kelvin (or lower)
- 12 slabs, variable doping
- ASE control:  $g_0 * l < 3$  along diagonal

# HiLASE project



Institute of Physics AS CR

**30 M € Diode pumped Lasers for applications**





# New lasers for industry and research

- High average power pulsed LASERs
- Czech national project on development of advanced solid-state laser technologies based on diode pumping
- Motivated by strong need for head-start laser technology development & prototyping for the next generation of high rep. rate laser facilities
- Potential of industrial applications using rep. rate, high-peak and high-average power lasers
- Implementation phase: 4 years (fully supported)
- Operational phase: ALAP (institutional/grants/contractual)



# Electron acceleration (LWFA) with 10 PW laser pulses

## Generating sub-TeV quasi-monoenergetic proton beam by an ultra-relativistically intense laser in the snowplow regime

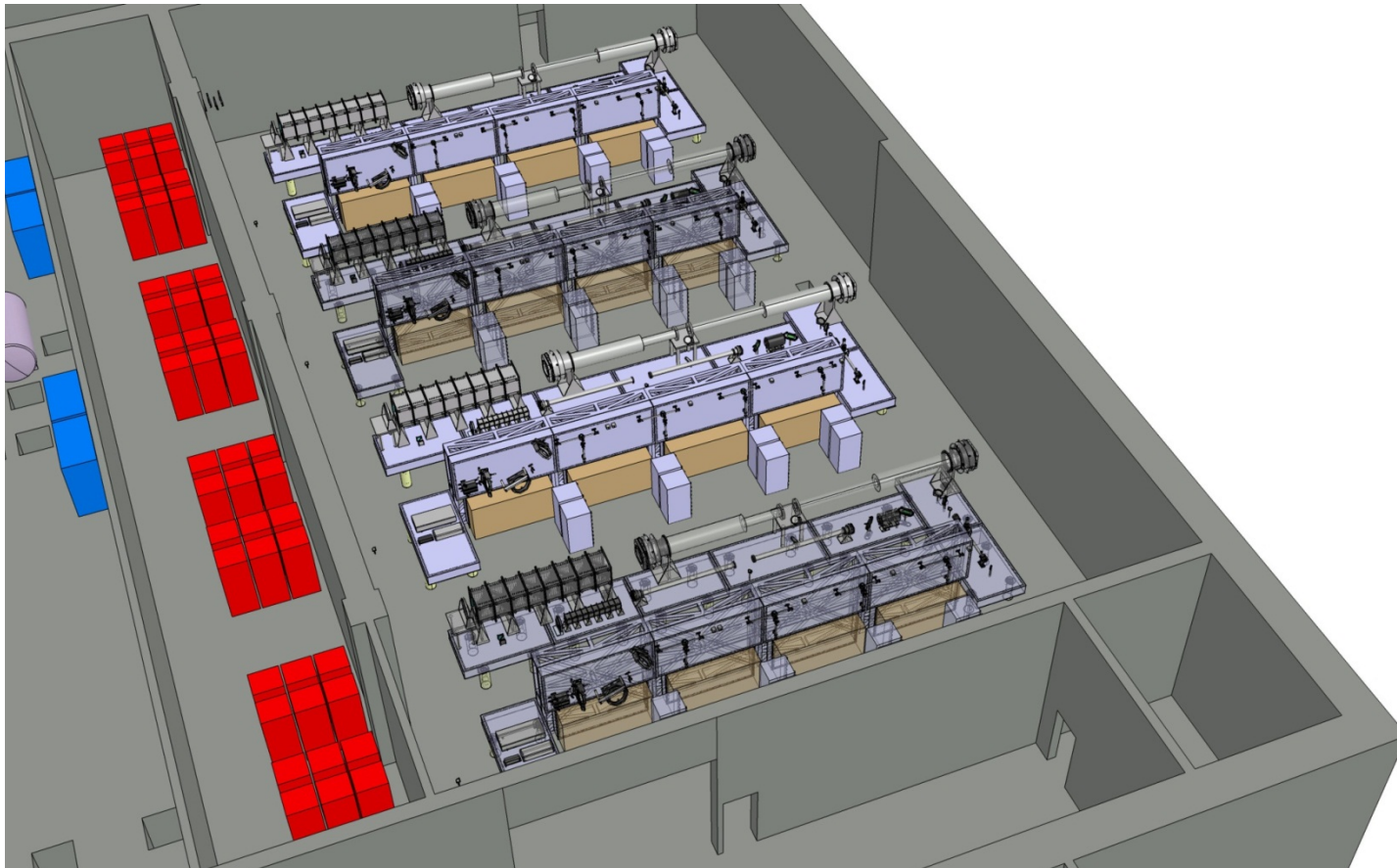
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### Abstract

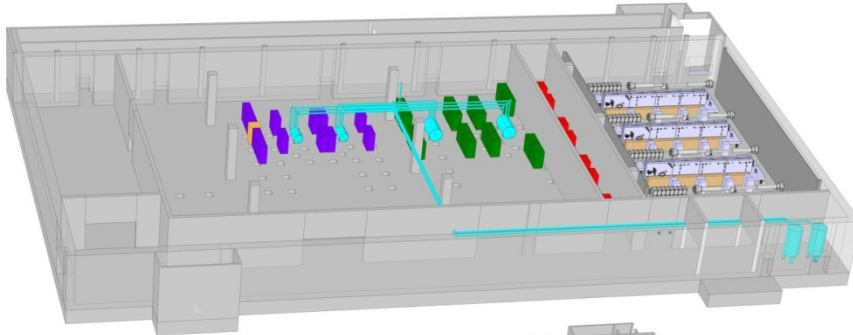
Snowplow ion acceleration is presented, using an ultra-relativistically intense laser pulse irradiating on a combination target, where the relativistic proton beam generated by radiation pressure acceleration can be trapped and accelerated by the laser plasma wakefield. The theory suggests that sub-TeV quasi-monoenergetic proton bunches can be generated by a centimeter-scale laser wakefield accelerator, driven by a circularly polarized (CP) laser pulse with the peak intensity of  $10^{23}\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$  and duration of 116fs.

## 10 PW pump lasers (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

If available, disk lasers providing kJ energy and bandwidth  $>12$  nm ( $\sim 130$  fs pulses) would be an excellent choice for e- acceleration! Back up for OPCPA

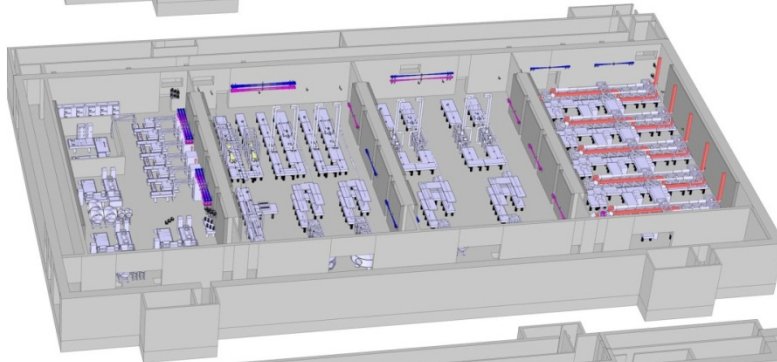


# ELI-Beamlines layout



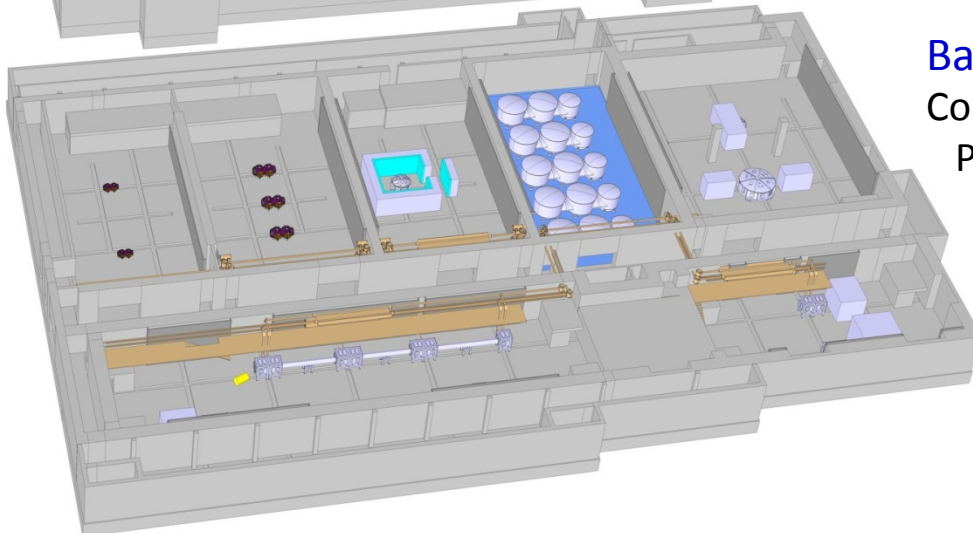
## First floor

10 PW pump lasers  
Cryogenic & thermal management  
support systems



## Ground floor

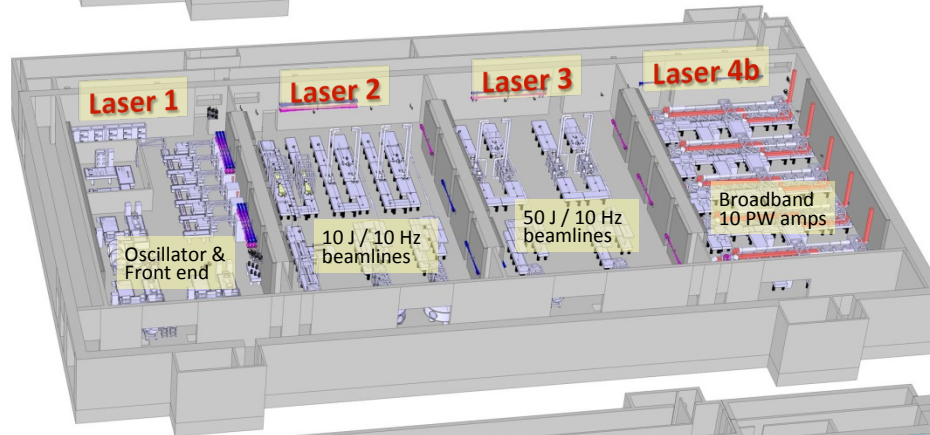
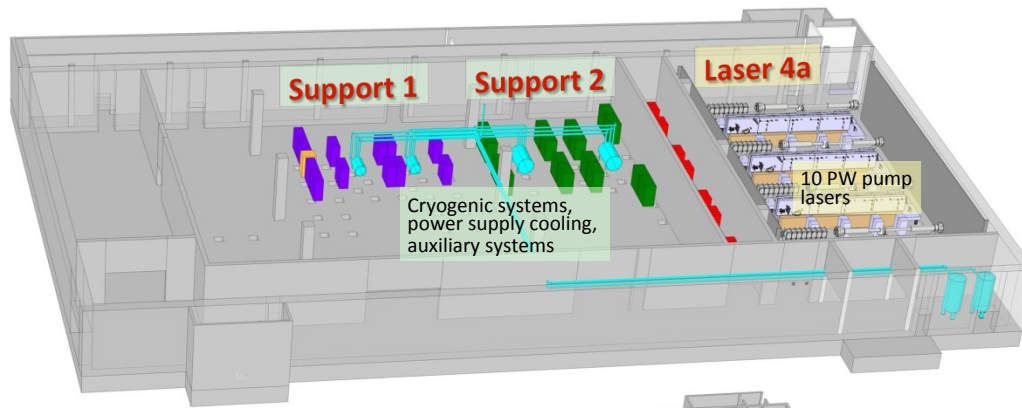
Laser systems



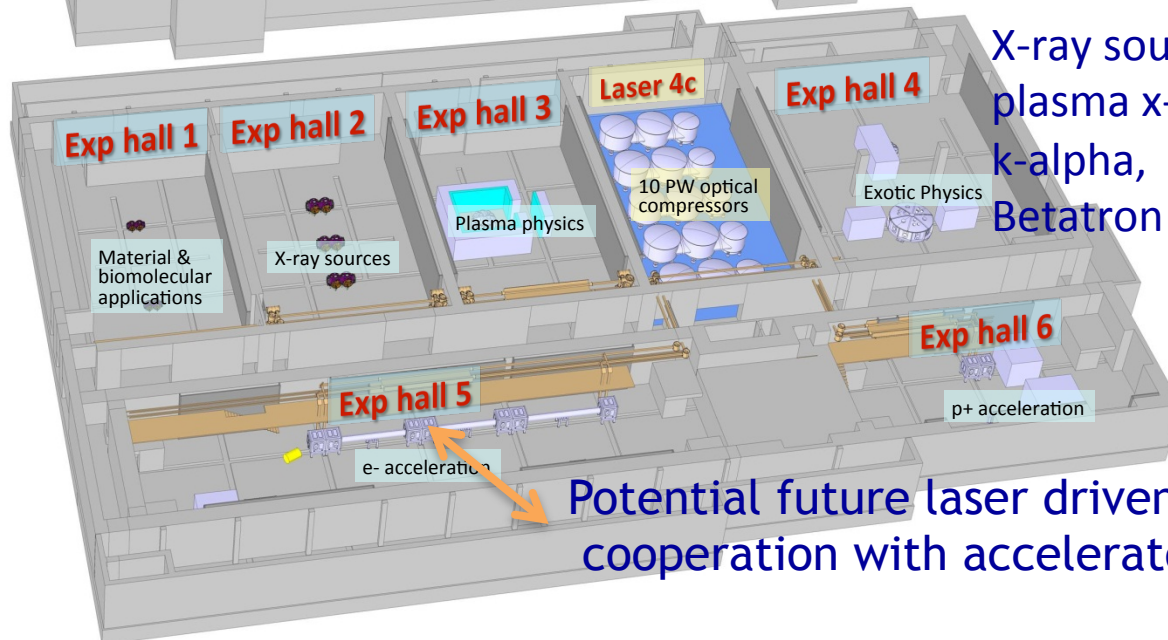
## Basement

Compressor hall of 10-PW beamlines  
Pulse distribution  
6 dedicated experimental areas





All laser systems shown, including those which might be located at the facility in future



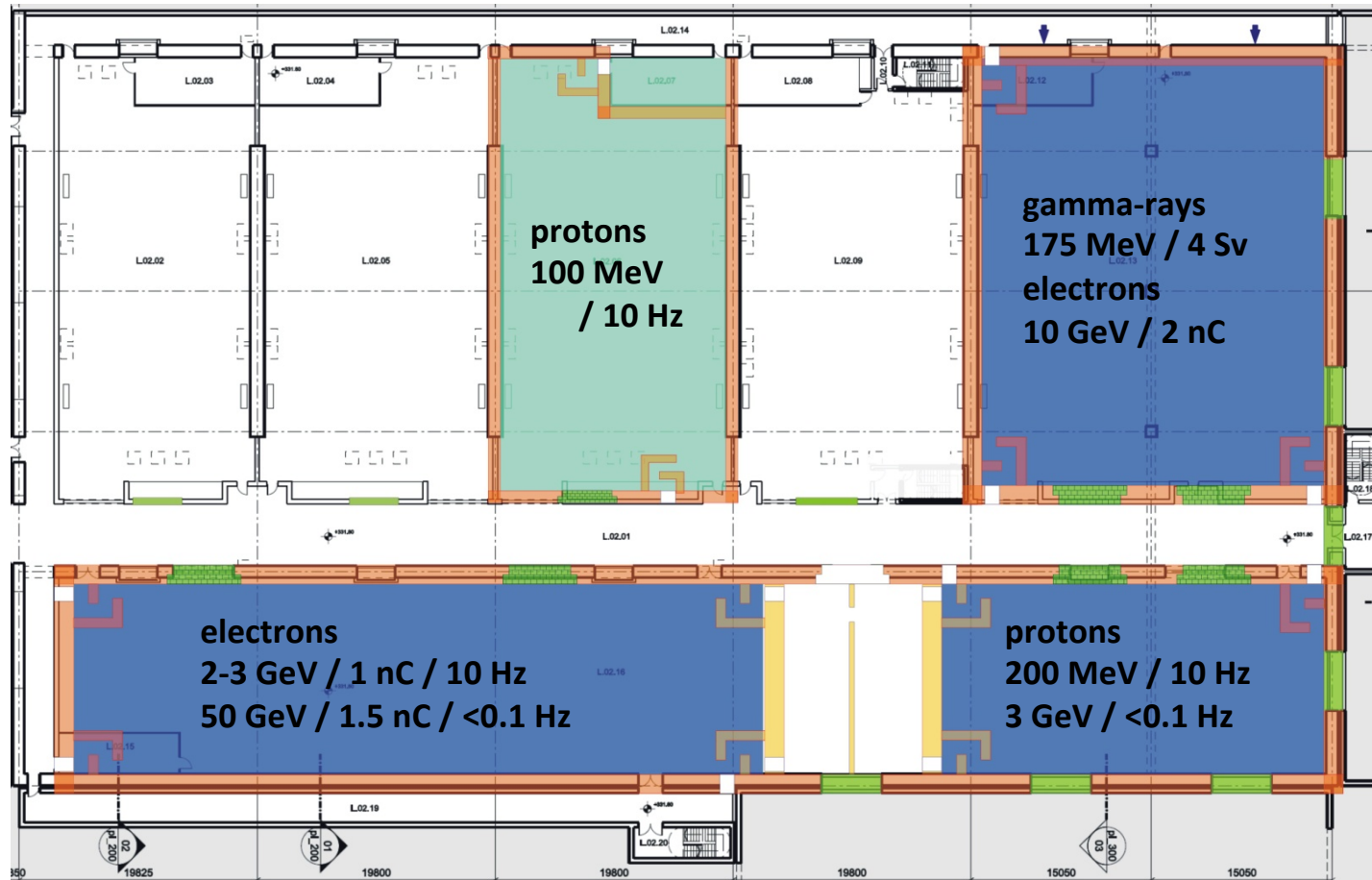
X-ray sources: plasma x-ray laser (seeded), k-alpha, Betatron

Potential future laser driven FEL cooperation with accelerator people ( import

# Underground target areas with shielding

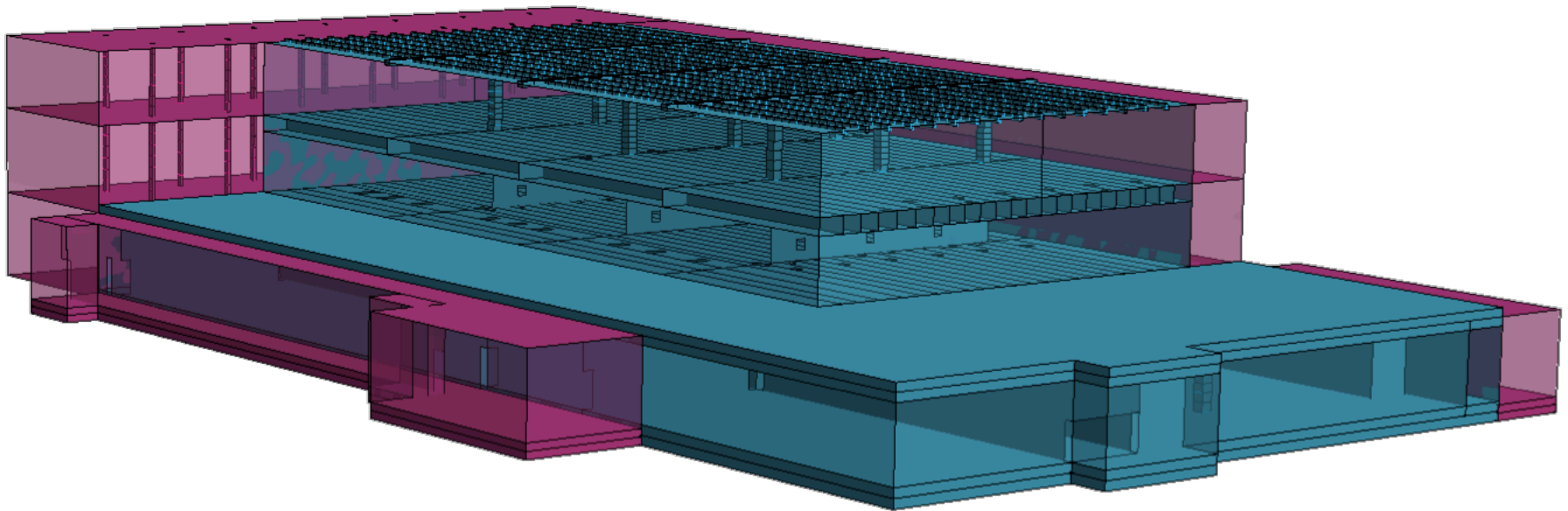
Combination of bulk shielding and local shielding (beam dumps)

Radiological classification: Control rooms are class R1, accumulated annual dose <1mSv



# Vibration analysis of the laser building

## Master structural model



**Monolithic structure** (laser and experimental areas)

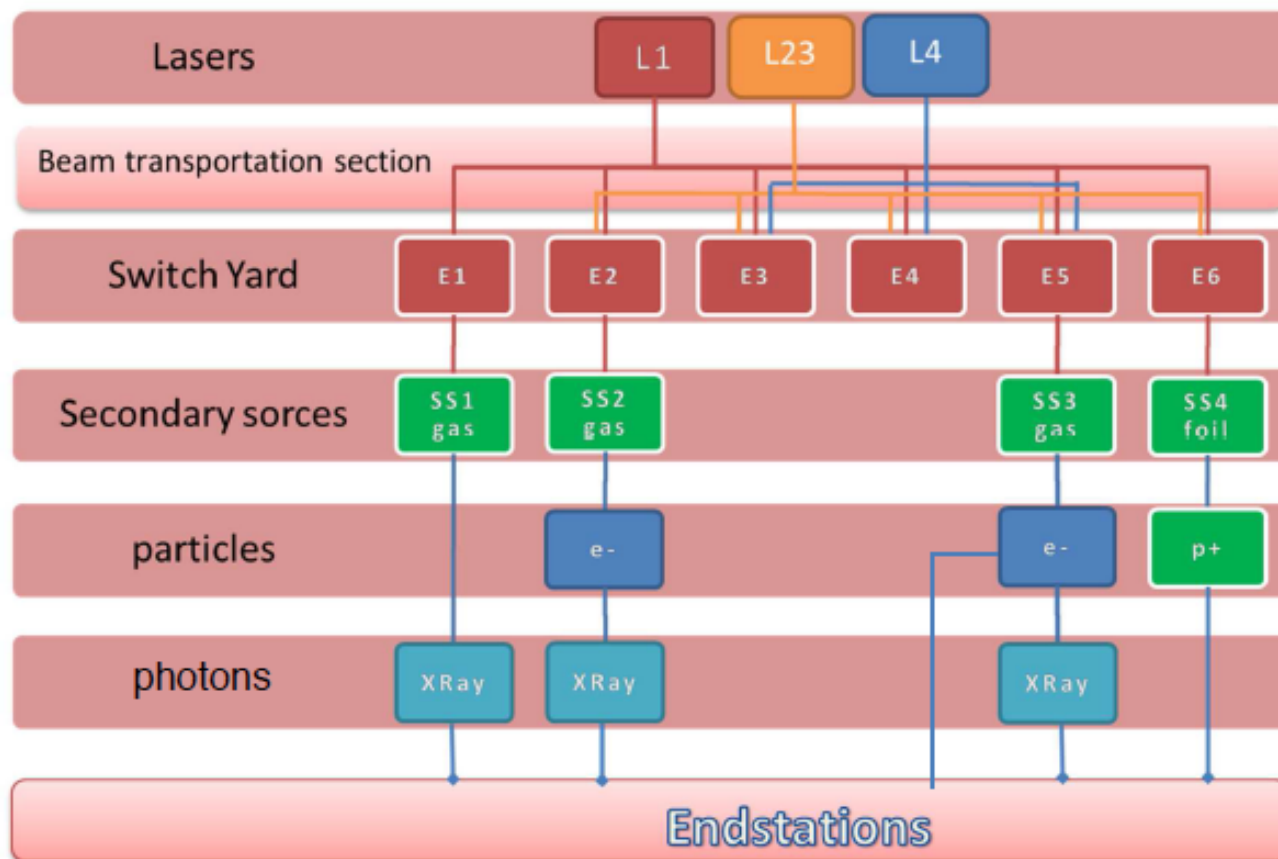


**Supporting technologies** (air conditioning, vacuum pumps, etc.) **& auxiliary laboratories**

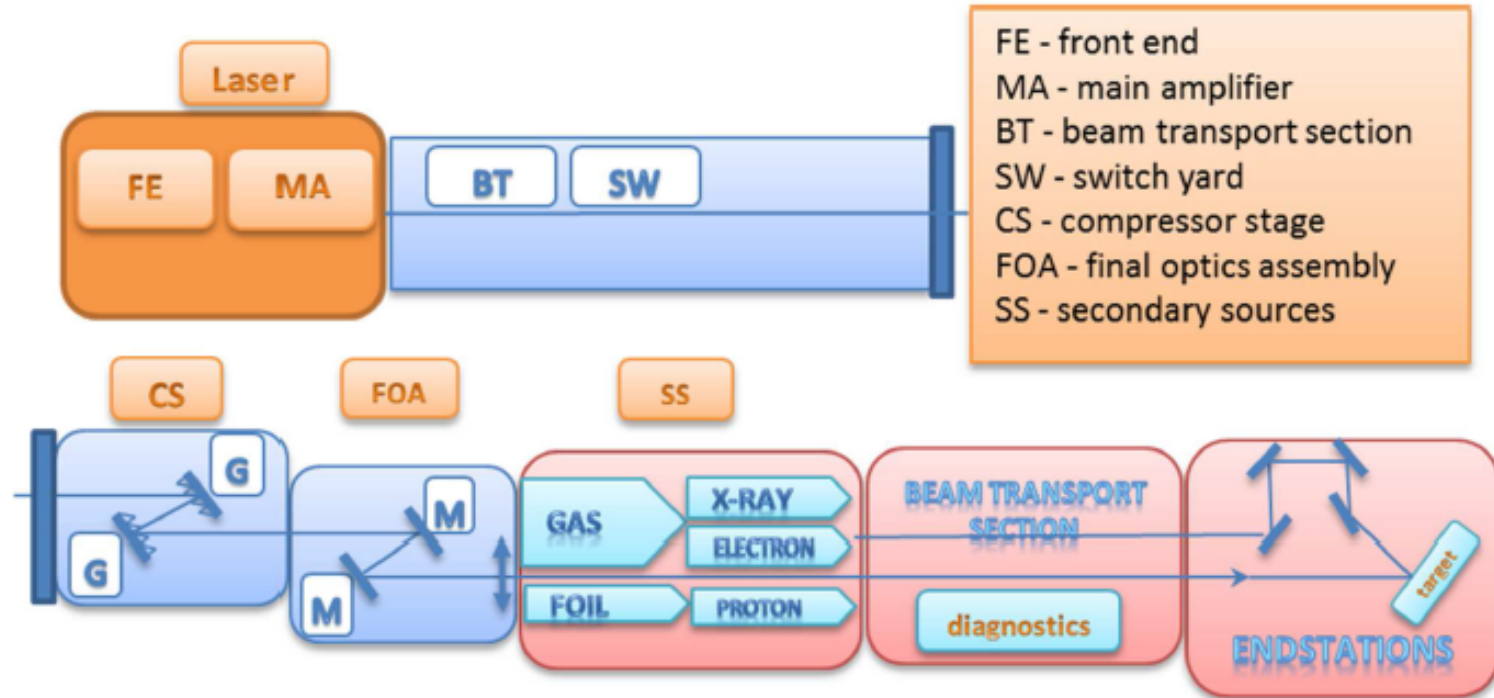
The analysis accounts for actual sources of vibration measured on the site

- ✓ ELI pillars and ELI-Beamlines
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- ✓ **Beam transport and switchyards**
- ✓ Experiments (RP2-RP6)
- ✓ RP3 (ion and electron acceleration)

# Facility general layout



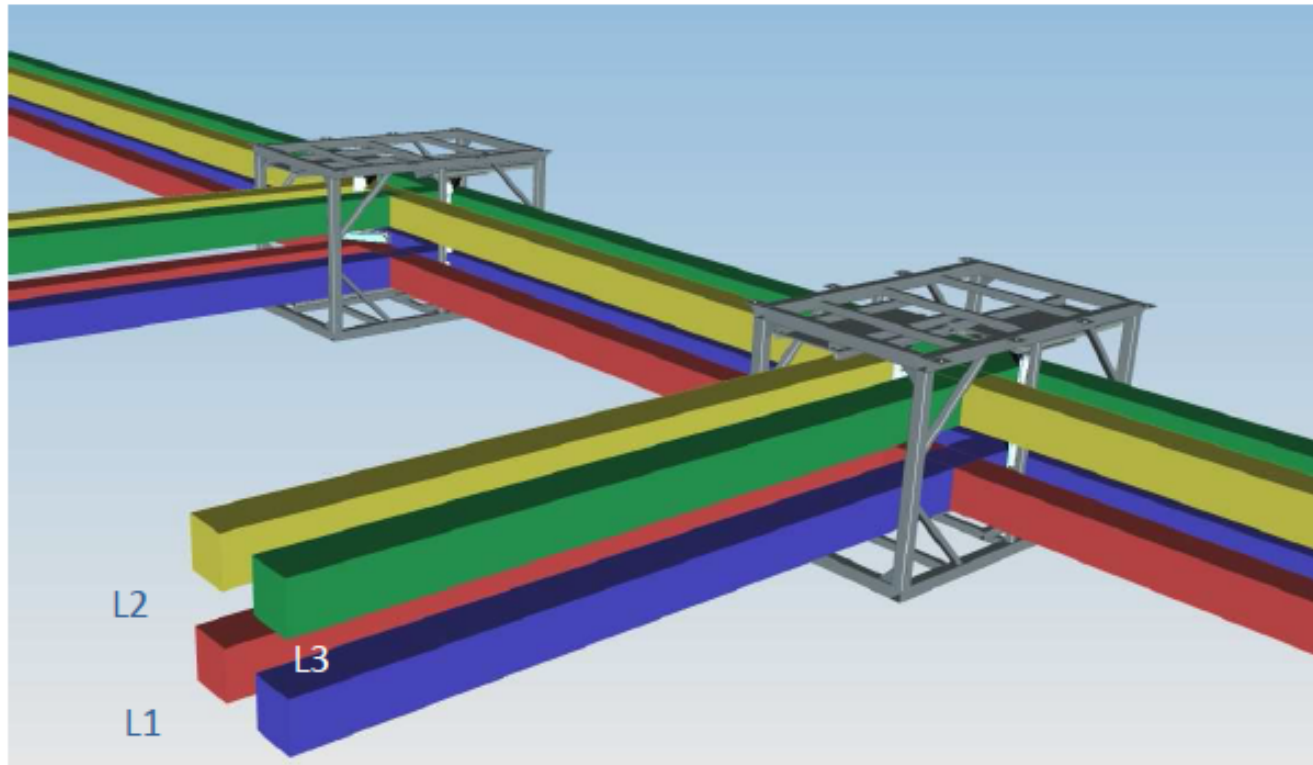
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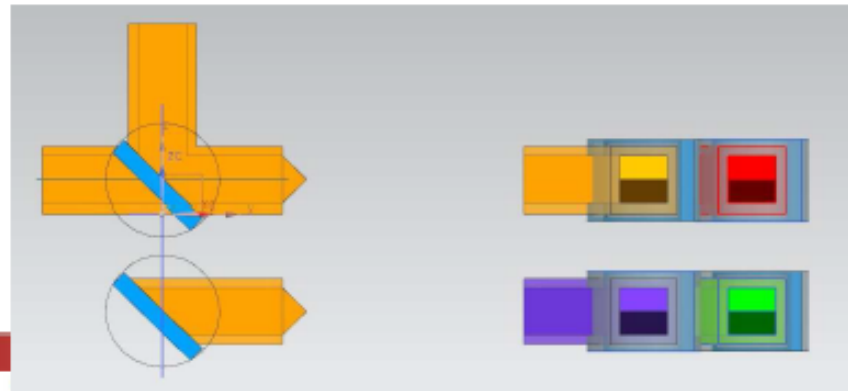
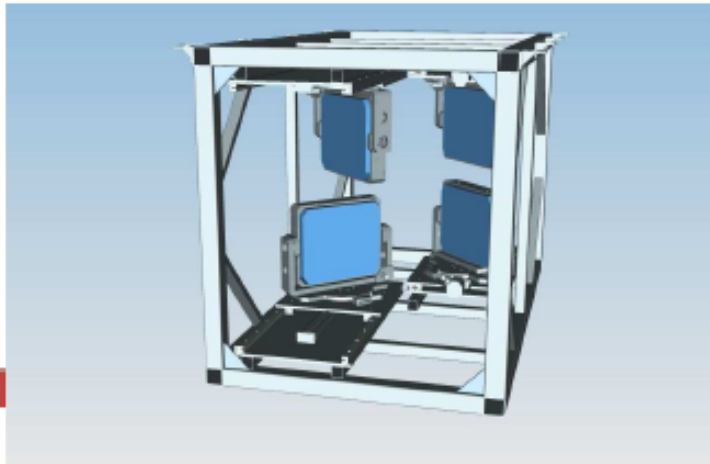
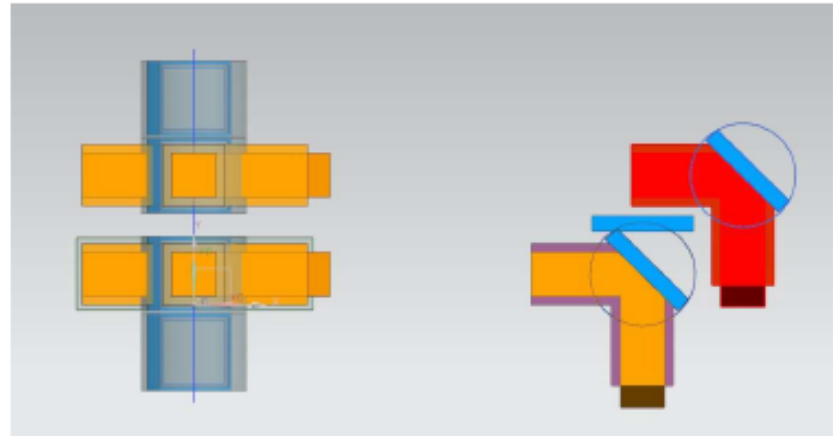
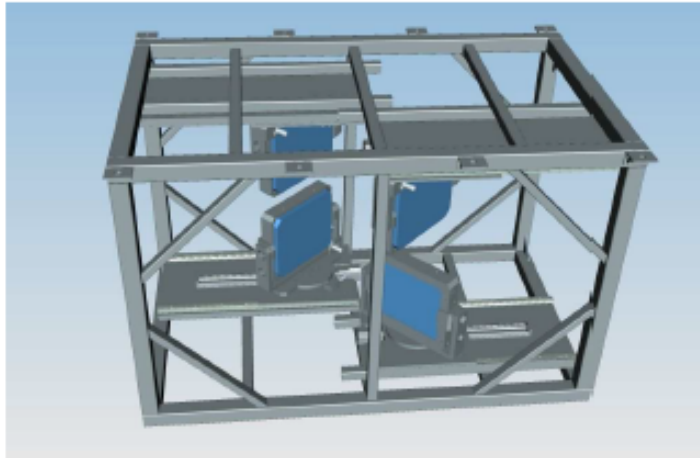
ELI-Beamlines will provide synchronized beams of short pulse optical photons, x-rays, electrons, ions for users (including pump-probe experiments)

# Beam transport and switchyards

All laser beamlines can be delivered to any of the experimental rooms!



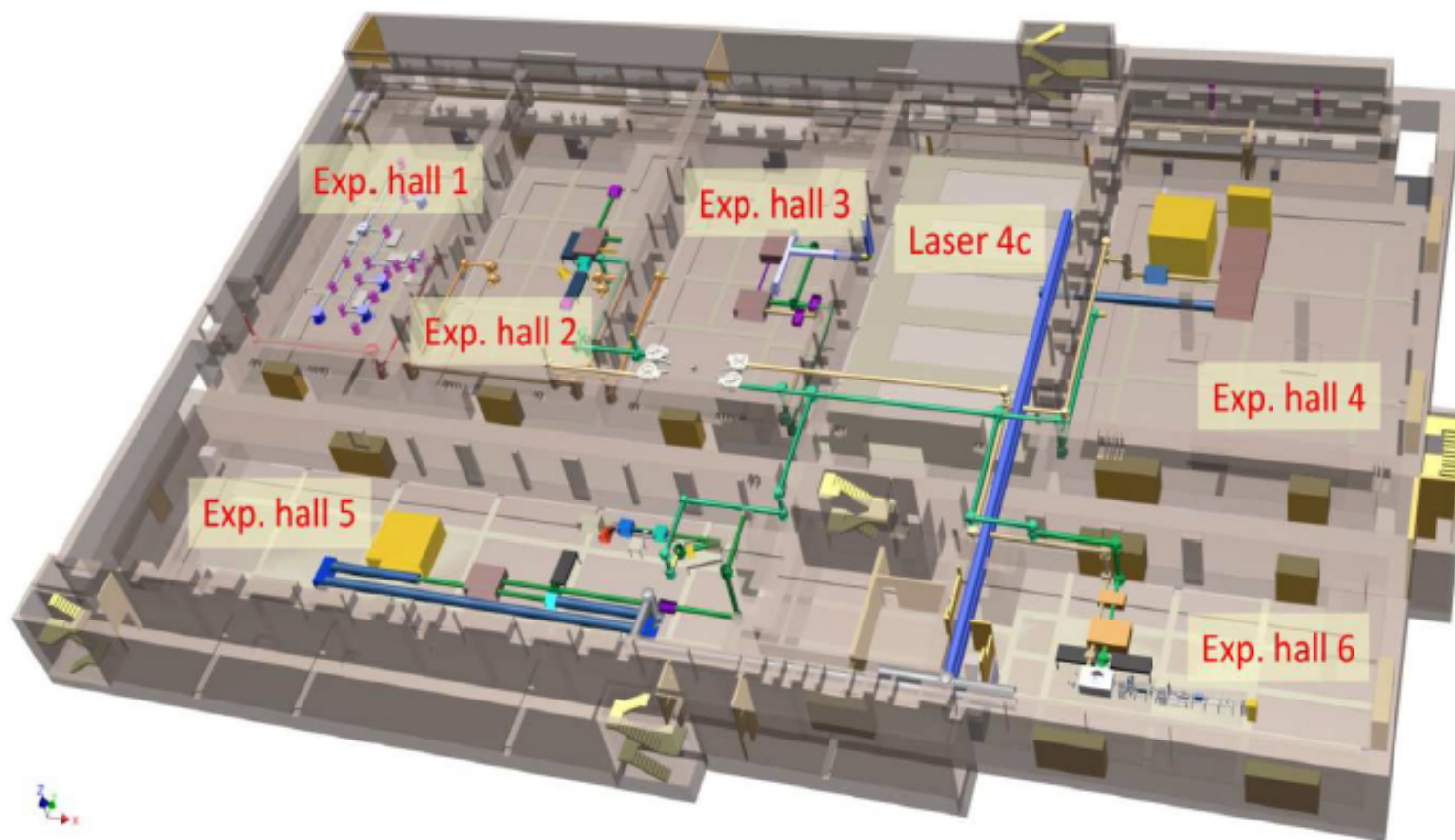
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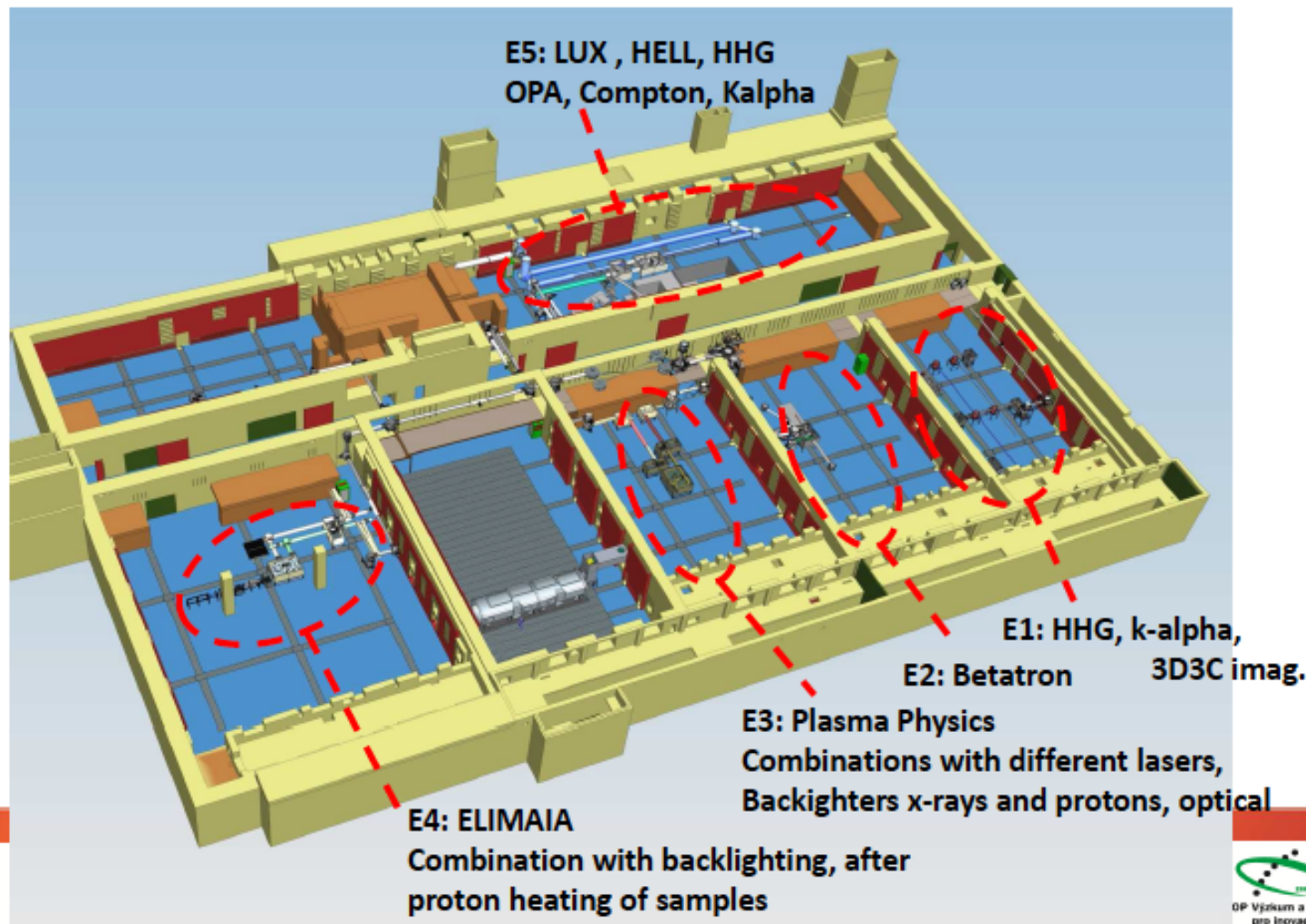


- ✓ ELI pillars and ELI-Beamlines
- ✓ Facility layouts
- ✓ Lasers (RP1)
- ✓ Beam transport and switchyards
- ✓ **Experiments (RP2-RP6)**
- ✓ RP3 (ion and electron acceleration)

# Experimental Area (ground floor)



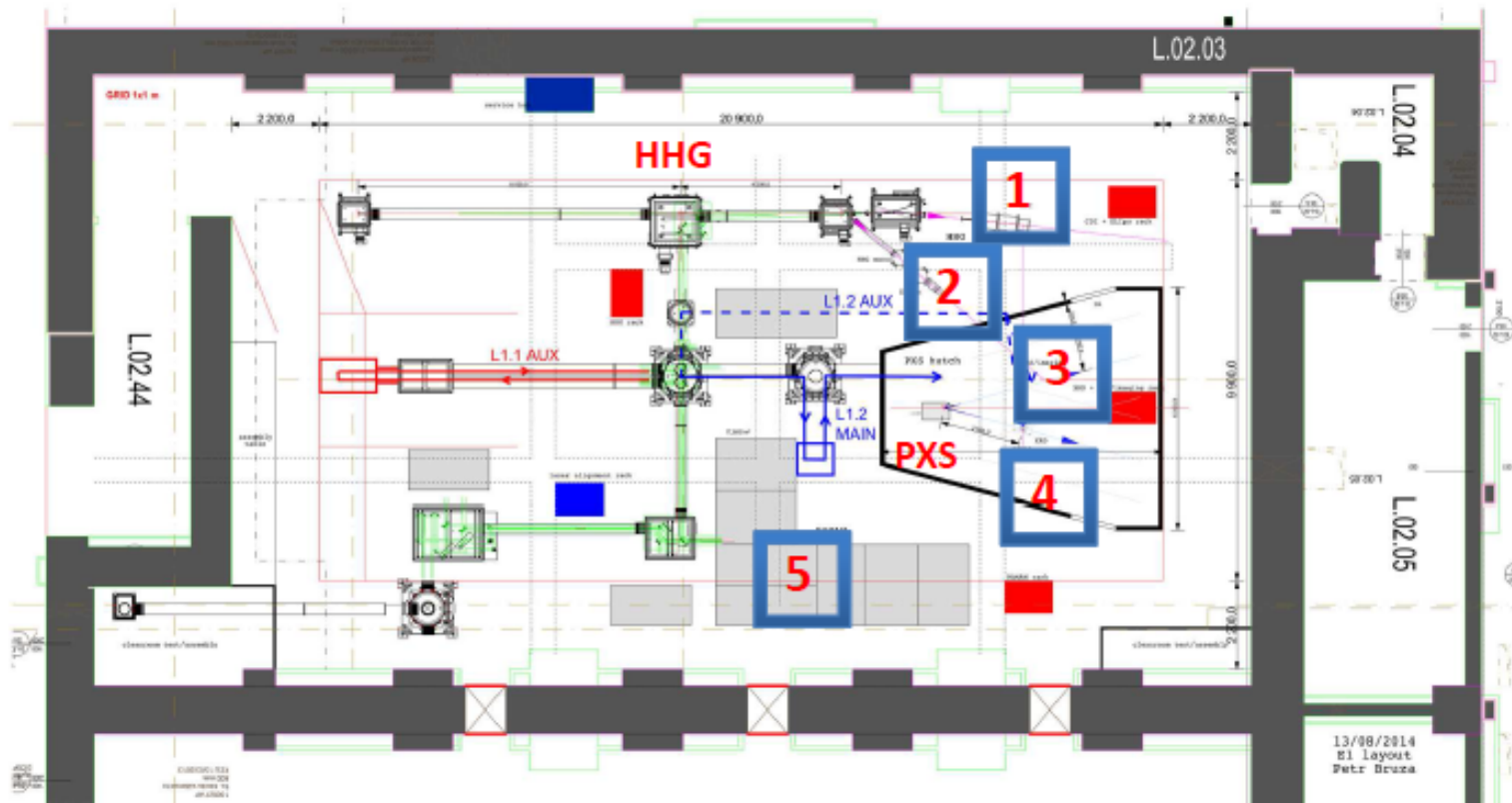
## Experimental Areas, Basement floor



# E1 layout, beam distribution and experimental stations

4 beams from the L1 laser allows complex time-resolved experiments

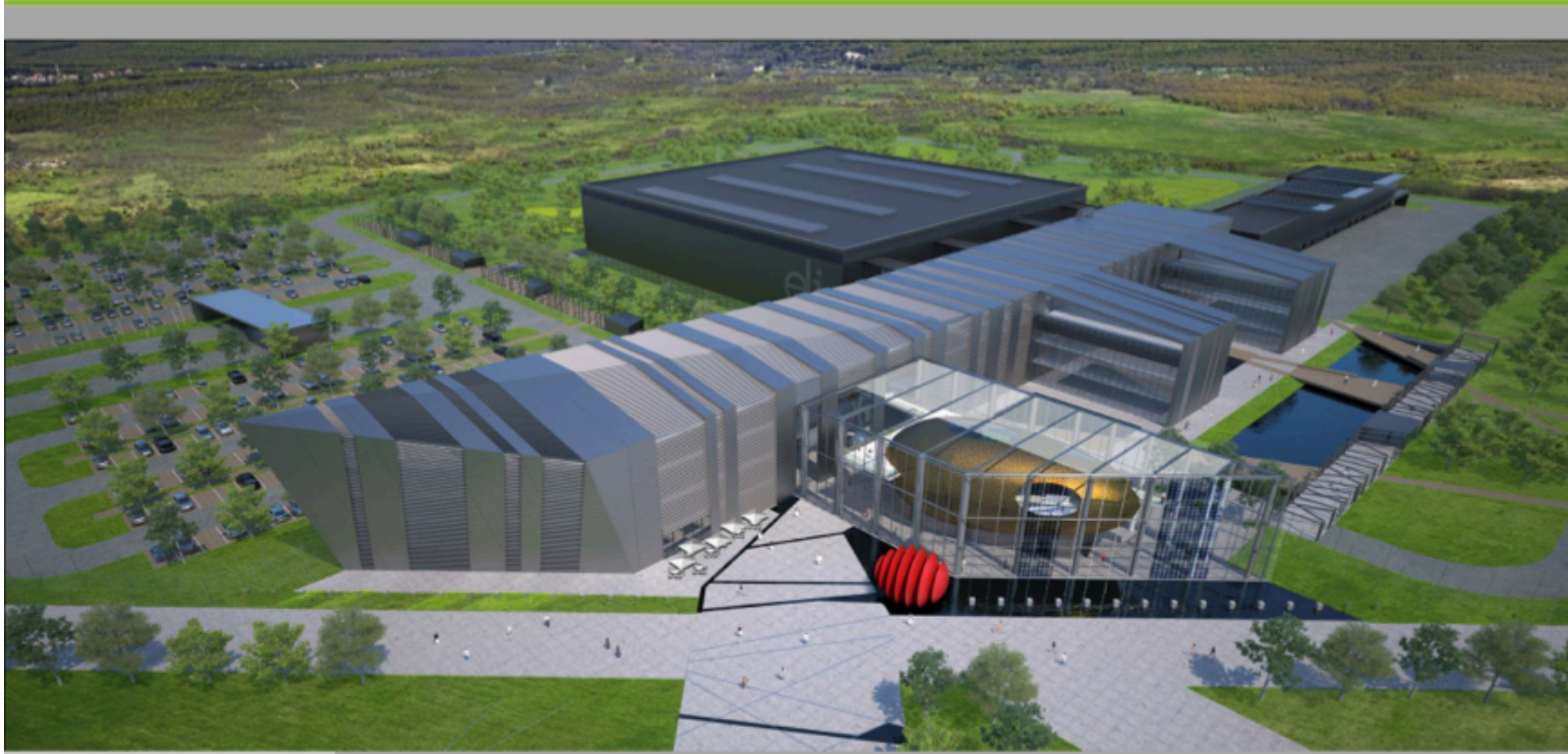
- 2 secondary sources: Higher Harmonics Generation (HHG) for soft X-rays and a Plasma X-ray Source (PXS) for hard X-rays
- 5 Experimental end-stations where experiments are performed







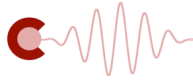
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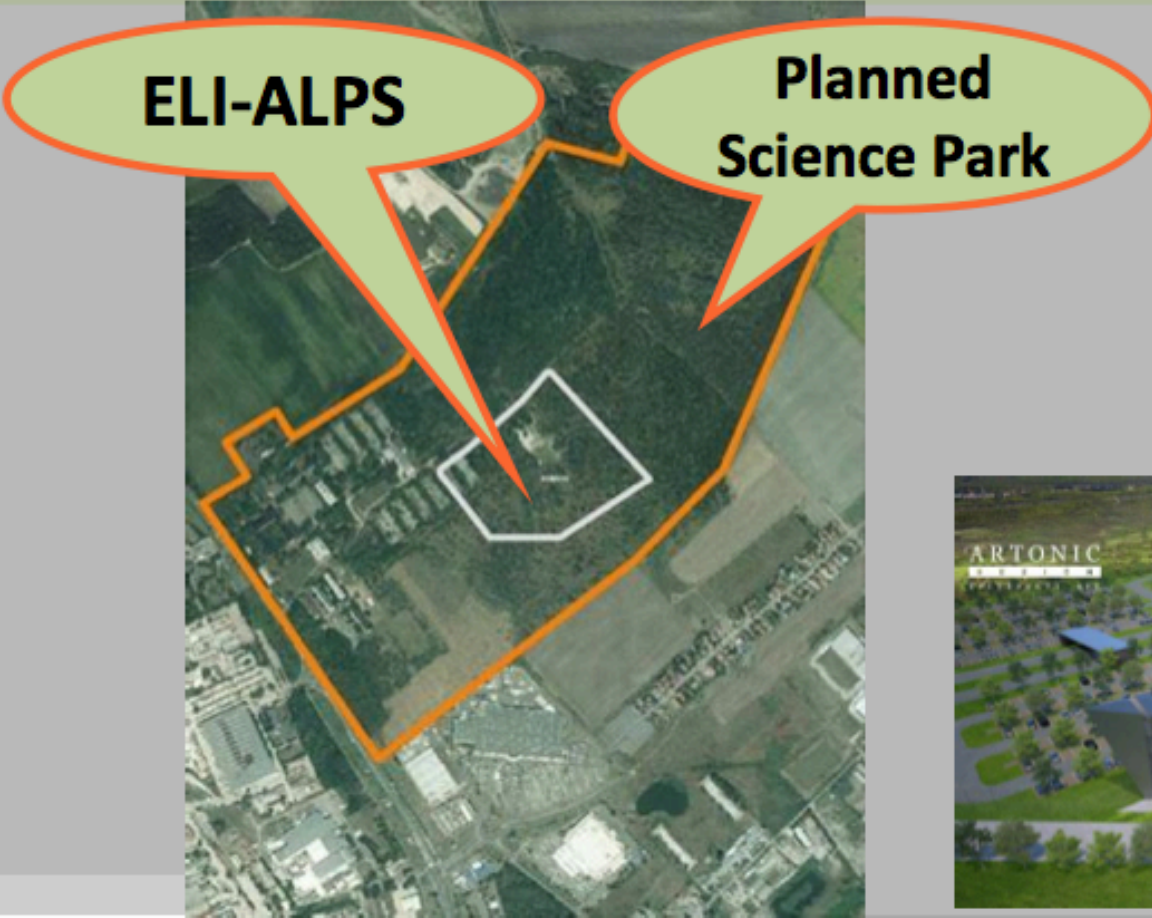
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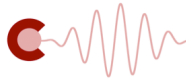


The projects are supported by the European Union and co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund.



# Location of ELI-ALPS and a planned Scientific Park





# Major missions of ELI-ALPS

- 1) **To generate X-UV and X-ray fs and atto pulses, for temporal investigation at the attosecond scale of electron dynamics in atoms, molecules, plasmas and solids.**  
**ATTOSECOND Beamline & User Facility**
- 2) **To contribute to the technological development towards 200PW HIGH INTENSITY beamline**





# Design of ELI-ALPS I

## ELI-PP

Mission  
Basic scientific directions

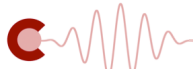
## ELI-ALPS

July 2010 – Dec 2010  
Feasibility study for the Scientific Case of ELI-ALPS

March 2011 – June 2011  
Planned research Activities of ELI-ALPS



**Feasibility study of ELI-ALPS – part of project application to the EU.  
Completed: June, 2012**



# Design of ELI-ALPS II

**Conceptual Design Report**  
by the international community

**Part I (sources, sci. IT) is completed**  
**SAC approved**

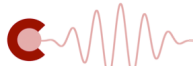
*Research institutes and Universities*

**Part II (labs, workshops)**  
**is due Q2 2014**

**Technical design (TDR)**  
by the contractors

**Part I is due by Q3 2014**

*Mainly industrial partners*



# Phasing and financing

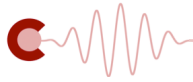
## Phase 1 (-2015)

Building:	cc. 18,2 bln HUF	64.1 M EUR
Research equip:	cc. 16, 2 bln HUF	57 M EUR
Services:	cc. 2,6 bln HUF	9.2 M EUR
<b>Total:</b>	<b>cc. 37,0 bln HUF</b>	<b>130.4 M EUR</b>

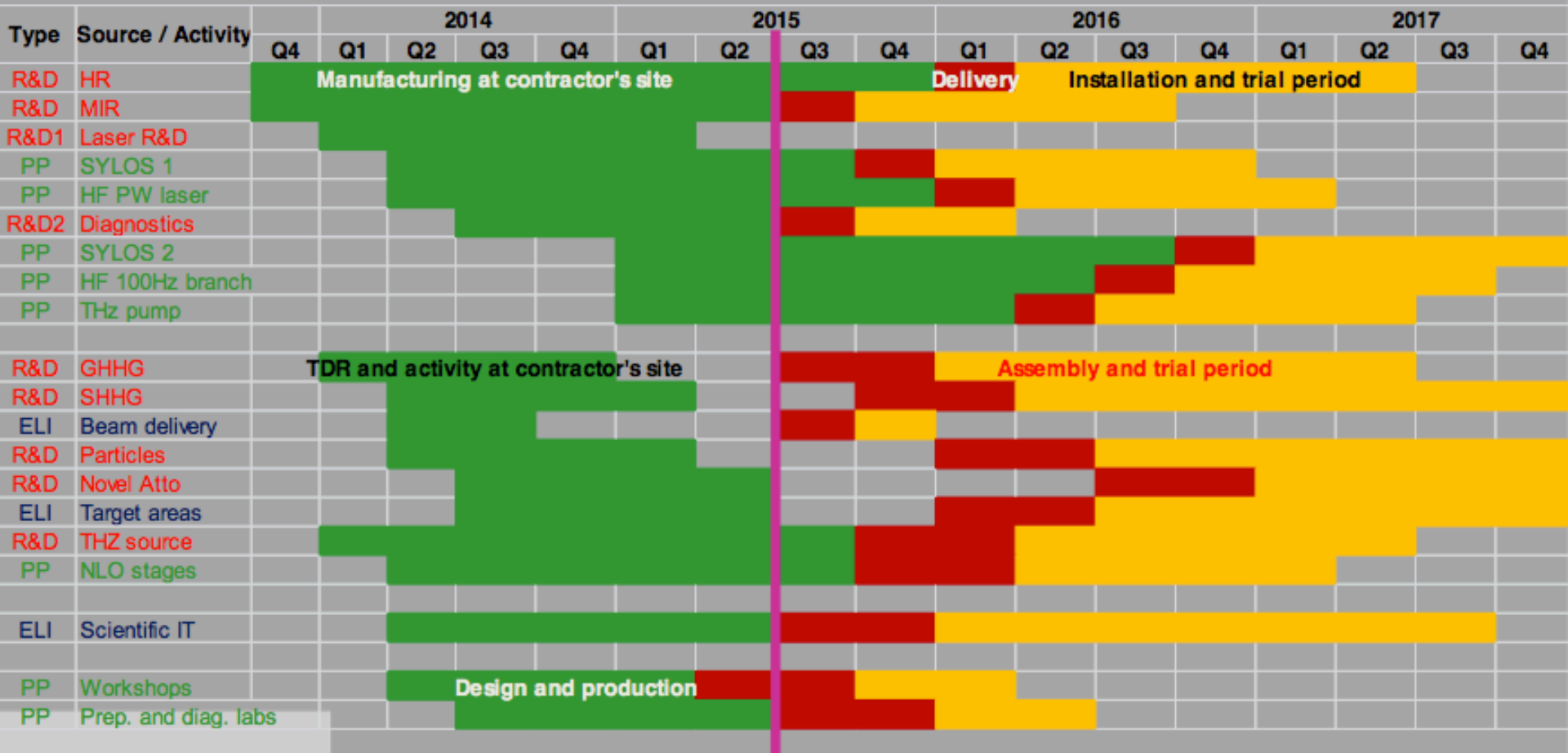
## Phase 2 (-2017)

Building:	cc. 4,7 bln HUF	16.6 M EUR
Research equip.:	cc. 17,2 bln HUF	60.6 M EUR
Services:	cc. 2,4 bln HUF	8.5 M EUR
<b>Total:</b>	<b>cc. 24,3 bln HUF</b>	<b>85.6 M EUR</b>
<b>Grand total:</b>	<b>cc. 61.3 bln HUF</b>	<b>216 M EUR</b>

(+Preparation: 2,434 bln HUF)

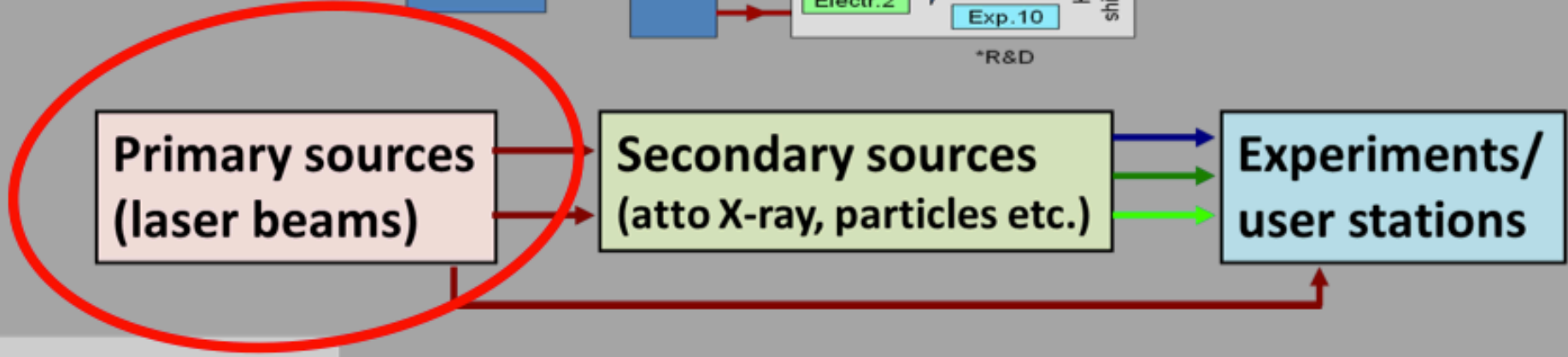
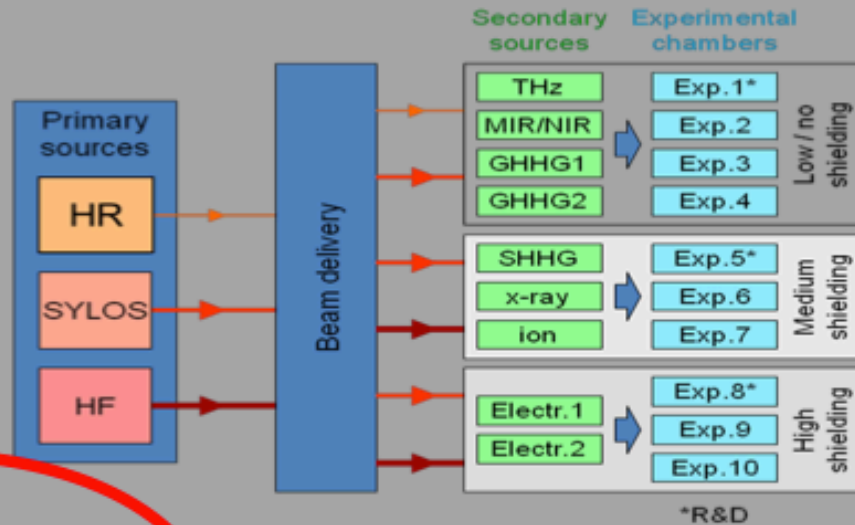


# Implementation plan - Overview





# Schematics of ELI-ALPS



## 1 Via R&D projects

### ALPS HR laser

100kHz, >4TW, <20fs, VIS-NIR, CEP

### ALPS MIR laser

100kHz, 0,1mJ, <6 cycle, MIR

Q1 2016

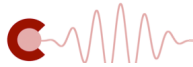
Delivery to the site

Q3 2015

Submission deadline of the R&D proposals  
is 27th November, 2013.

### ALPS Mid-Infrared Source (MIRS)

100kHz, >100 $\mu$ J, few cycle, @ 3 $\mu$ m



# Implementation of the lasers II

## 2 Public procurement – Q4 2013

**ALPS Sylos 1 laser**

1kHz, >4TW, <20fs, VIS-NIR, CEP

Q4 2015

**ALPS HF PW laser**

≤5Hz, >2PW, <20fs, NIR

Q1 2016

Delivery to the site

## 3 Laser R&D projects for elimination of technological bottlenecks

## 4 Public procurement – Q4 2014

**ALPS Sylos 2 laser**

1kHz, >20TW, 5fs, VIS-NIR, CEP

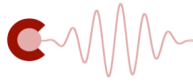
Q4 2016

**ALPS HF 100 laser**

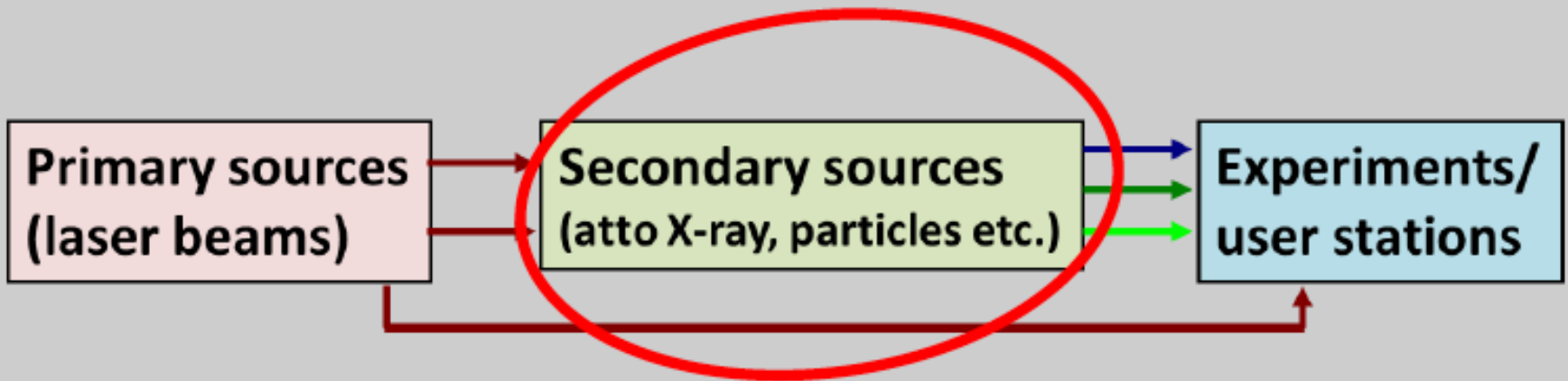
100Hz, >40TW, <12fs, NIR

Q3 2016

Delivery to the site



# Schematics of ELI-ALPS





## Gas High Harmonic Generation and Attosecond Pulses

1kHz-100kHz, 4-400eV, up to 10  $\mu$ J

## Solid High Harmonic Generation and Attosecond Pulses

5Hz – 1kHz, 10eV – 5keV, up to mJ

## Electron and Ion Acceleration

e<sup>-</sup>: 1-2GeV, 0.2nC; p<sup>+</sup>: up to 160MeV, up to 1nC

## THz sources

3MV/cm – 100MV/cm, up to 1mJ

## New Concepts for HHG and Attosecond Pulse Generation

# Implementation of the secondary sources

Via R&D projects – Q4 2013

TDR of the beamlines  
TDR of the target areas

Delivery I: Q2 2014  
Delivery II: Q1 2015

Public procurements – Q2 2014

Hardware for the beamlines  
Hardware for the target areas

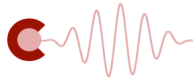
Delivery I: Q2 2015  
Delivery II: Q1 2016

By the same groups / contractors  
+ ELI-ALPS workforces

Via R&D projects – Q4 2013

Implementation of the beamlines  
Implementation of the target areas

Delivery I: Q1 2016  
Delivery II: Q4 2017

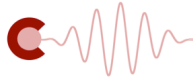


## Layout – Scientific areas

- Laser hall: 1350 m<sup>2</sup>
- Target areas: 2100 m<sup>2</sup>
- Optics labs: 330 m<sup>2</sup>
- Biology/chemistry/medical labs: 320 m<sup>2</sup>
- Diagnostics labs: 110 m<sup>2</sup>
- Mechanical workshops: 530 m<sup>2</sup>
- Electric / IT workshop: 200 m<sup>2</sup>



# *Eli nuclear physics Romania*



# The EuroGammaS Association



Plus 4 Industrial Partners:

ACP (Amplitude Group, France), Alsyom (Alcen Group, France), Comeb (Italy), ScandiNova Systems (Sweden)

and several Sub-Contractors:

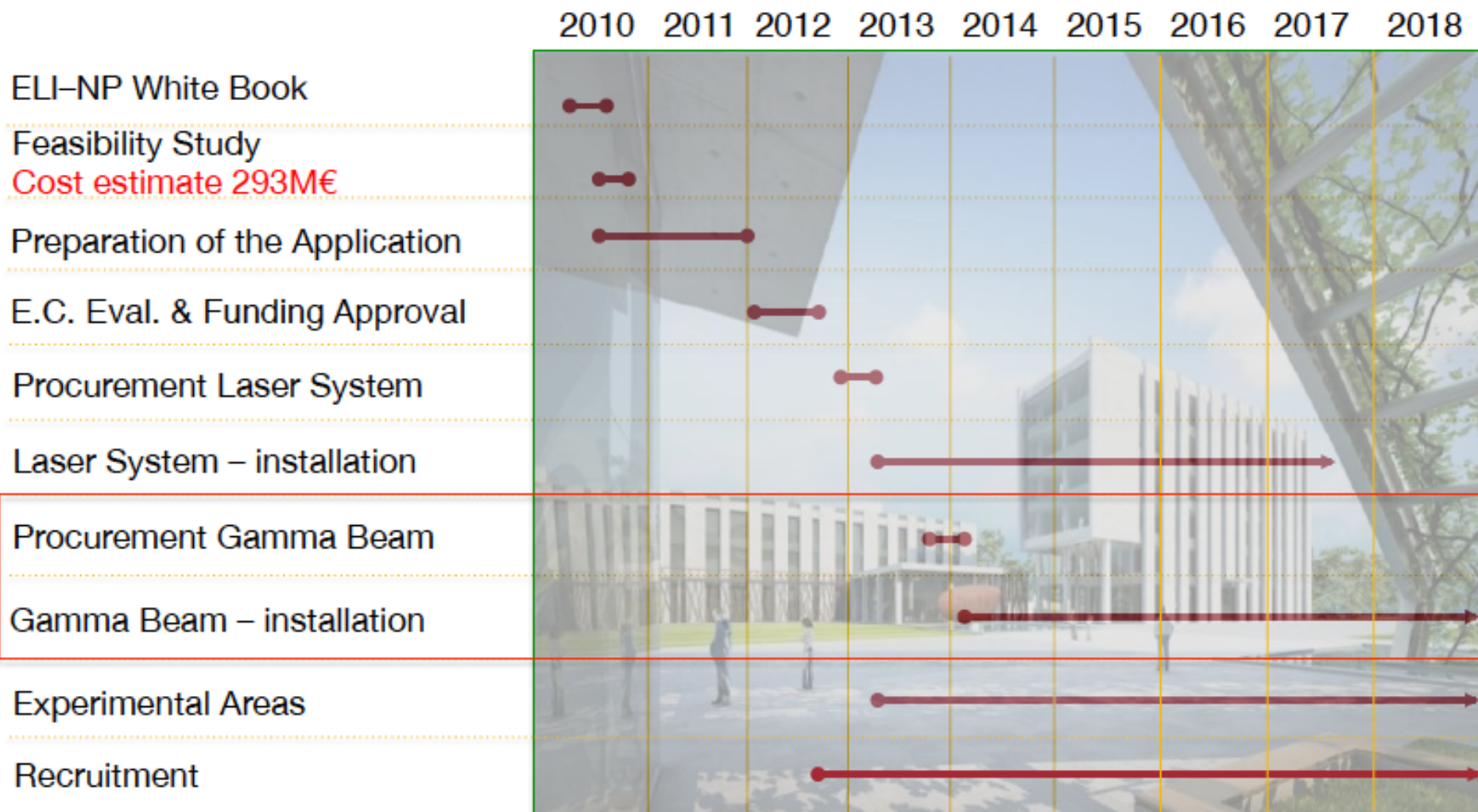
Alba (Spain), Cosylab (Slovenia), Danfysik (Denmark), IT (Slovenia), M+W Group (Italy), Menlo Systems (Germany), RI (Germany)



**The Challenge** : to design the *most advanced Compton* Gamma Beam Source based on *state-of-the-art* components, to be commissioned and delivered to users *by mid 2018*, reliable, cost-effective (67 M€), compatible with ELI-NP building

ELI-NP Gamma Beam Source: Bright, Monochromatic (0.3%–0.5%), High Spectral Flux (10,000 ph/sec·eV), Tunable (0.2-20 MeV), Polarized

# ELI-NP Implementation Timeline



# ELI-NP Gamma Beam System

***If the Physics of Inverse Compton Scattering is straightforward....***

***The Challenge of making a Compton Gamma Beam System out of an electron-photon beam Collider, and maximizing the spectral flux of the gamma ray beam generated, is a completely different issue!***

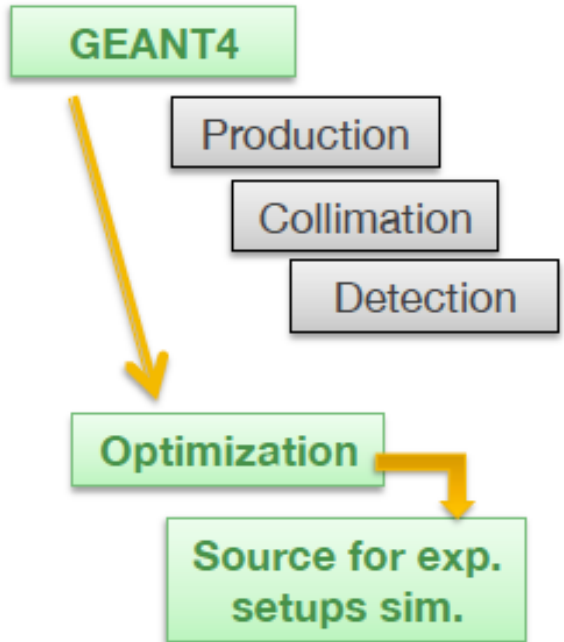
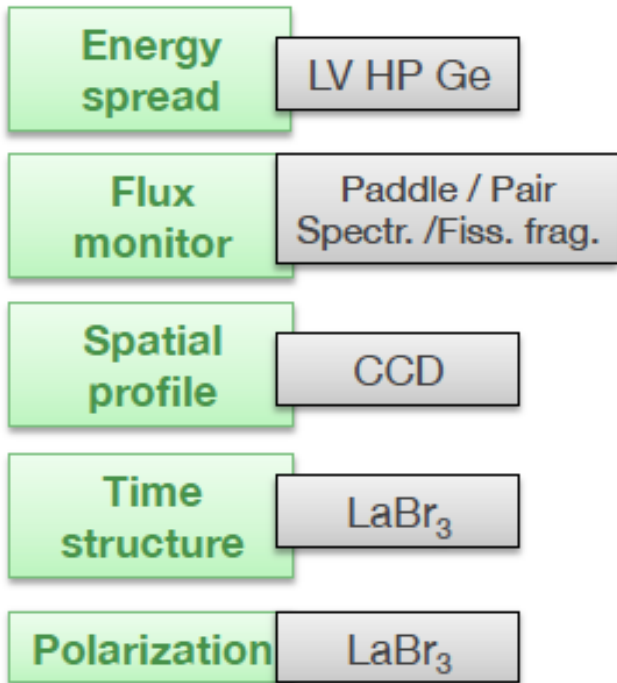
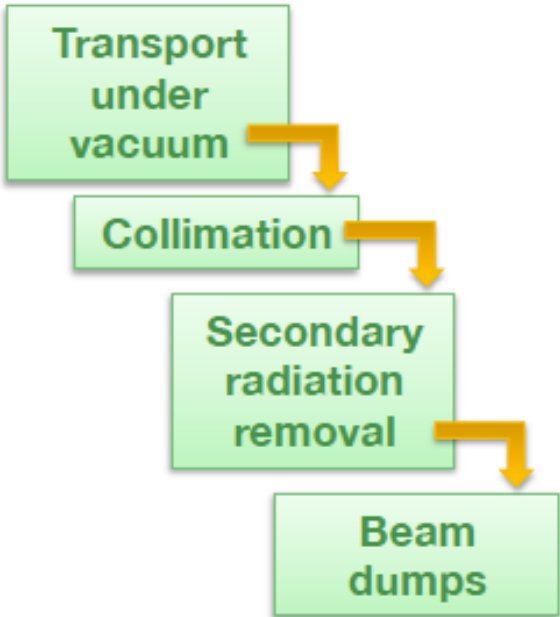
# The ELI-NP GBDD

## GBDD

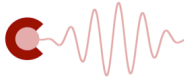
**Beam delivery**  
*to be developed with  
the Gamma Beam  
System provider*

**Beam diagnostic**  
*set of detectors for full  
GB characterization  
high accuracy ↔ physics*

**Beam simulation**  
*full simulation of the  
beam production –  
transport – detection  
'end – to – end'*





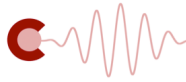


## **What are appropriate solutions for the 2 x 10-PW laser system implementation at ELI-NP:**

- Laser development approach?
- Technical solution?

## **We considered:**

- Previous experience and human resources
- Nature of the ELI-NP project
- State of the art in the field of high power femtosecond laser systems



## Possible solutions for 2 x 10-PW ELI-NP laser

### A) OPCPA based laser system (910-nm central wavelength)\*:

- Front-End: very broad-band signal radiation at 910-nm central wavelength
- High power OPCPA in large aperture DKDP crystals

### B1) Hybrid laser system at ~ 800 nm central wavelength\*\*:

- Front-End based on OPCPA in nonlinear crystals (BBO)
- High energy amplification in Ti:sapphire crystals

or

### B2) Ti:sapphire amplifiers at ~ 800 nm central wavelength\*\*\* :

- Front-End based on Ti:sapphire amplification
- High energy amplification in Ti:sapphire crystals

Basic solution proposed  
for ELI-NP laser

### C) Hybrid laser system with Front-End based on OPCPA in BBO crystals and high energy amplification in mixed silicate/phosphate Nd-doped glasses near 1 $\mu\text{m}$ wavelength\*\*\*\*

Alternative solution  
for ELI-NP laser

\*RAL, Annual Report, 2009.

\*\*J. P. Chambaret, "The Extreme Light Infrastructure Project ELI and its prototype APOLLON/ ILE. The associated laser bottlenecks", LEI Conference, Brasov, October 2009.

\*\*\*Commercial companies solutions (Thales, Amplitude Technologies)

\*\*\*\*Erhard W. Gaul et al., "Demonstration of a 1.1 petawatt laser based on a hybrid optical parametric chirped pulse amplification/mixed Nd:glass amplifier", Appl.Opt. 49 (9), 1676 (2010).



**Key principle of OPCPA:**

A broad bandwidth linearly chirped signal pulse is amplified with an energetic and relatively narrow-band pump pulse of approximately the same duration

**Distinct features of laser medium amplification (CPA) and OPCPA**

Laser medium amplification (CPA)	OPCPA
<p><b><i>Amplification during the existence of the inverted population (energy accumulated on the upper laser level)</i></b> For Ti:sapphire: ~ 1 <math>\mu</math>s after the pump pulse 10-100 ns precision of pump and signal pulse synchronization (<i>non-critical</i>)</p>	<p><b><i>Amplification <u>only</u> during the pump and signal pulse temporal overlapping</i></b> Pump and signal pulse of the same duration Pump-signal pulse synchronisation &lt;(pump/signal pulse duration)/10 For ps OPCPA, optical synchronization is necessary</p>
<p><b><i>Thermal loading</i></b> <math>h\nu_p &gt; h\nu_L</math> Part of the pump energy (~ 33% in case of Ti:sapphire) is dissipated in the amplifying medium</p>	<p><b><i>No thermal loading</i></b> Nonlinear crystals are transparent for the interacting beams wavelength</p>



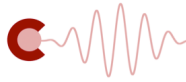
## Advantages and Drawbacks of OPCPA compared to CPA

### Advantages:

- No spectral band narrowing and red-shifting
- Ultra-broad bandwidth (ultrashort re-compressed pulses)
- Negligible thermal loading
- High signal gain
- High signal - noise contrast ratio
- Available large non-linear crystals, no transversal lasing
- No transversal lasing

### Drawbacks:

- Precise time/space required synchronization of signal and pump pulses
- High intensity and high temporal/spatial quality pump beams required
- Sensitive to the angle variation between seed and pump pulses
- Difficulties related to building laser devices able to generate short (ps-ns) pump pulses at high energy level
- No matured technique at high energy level of amplification



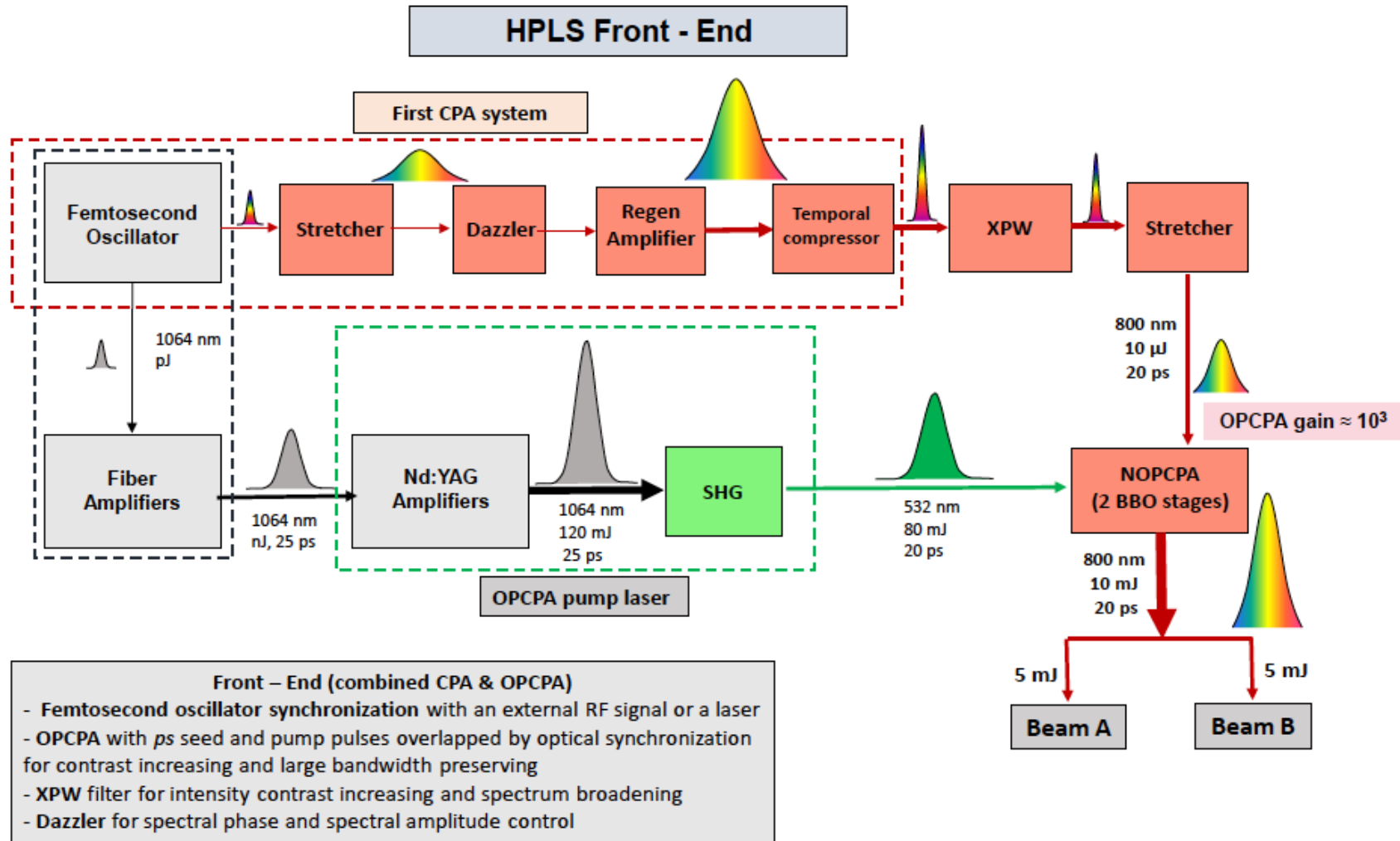
## Advanced techniques and fabrication technologies used in the ELI-NP 2 x 10 PW laser (HPLS)

### Front – End (combined CPA & OPCPA)

- **Femtosecond oscillator synchronization** with an external RF signal or a laser
- **OPCPA** with *ps* seed and pump pulses overlapped by optical synchronization for contrast increasing and large bandwidth preserving
- **XPW filter** for intensity contrast increasing and spectrum broadening
- **Dazzler** for spectral phase and spectral amplitude control

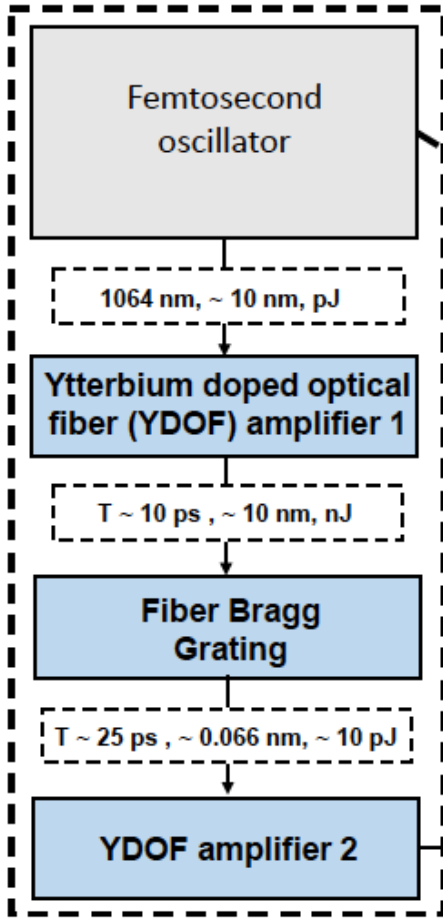
### High energy Ti:sapphire CPA & temporal compressor

- Large aperture Ti:sapphire crystals ( ~200 mm diameter)
- Large size diffraction gratings (~ 0.6 m x 1 m)
- Large size (~0.6 m x 0.85 m), large bandwidth mirrors
- High energy green pump lasers (100 J) – ATLAS type (THALES)
- **Spectrum management** using selective reflective mirrors
- **Parasitic lasing suppression**
- **Large size adaptive** optics for wavefront control






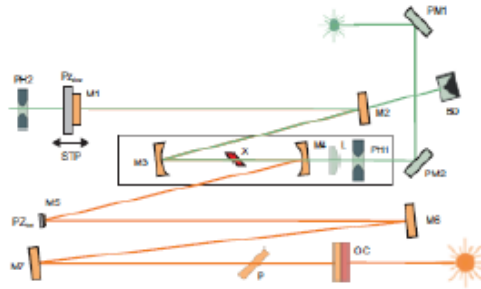
### Fiber amplifiers for OPCPA pump laser



**PZ - Piezo-Controlled Option**



If required for synchronization experiments, the VENTEON | PULSE : ONE laser cavity can be equipped with a special piezo transducer / stepper-motor combination that allows for a resonance-free locking of the repetition frequency in a bandwidth up to 30kHz to a suitable microwave standard. This **Piezo-Controlled Option** includes two piezo-mounted resonator mirrors that enable an external voltage-controlled  $f_{rep}$ -scanning or fine-tuning. The small load of the fast piezo mirror allows for a rapid response up to an exceptional high resonance frequency of more than 30 kHz. Slow drifts can be controlled using the second piezo with a higher travel range. For long-term operation a stepper-motor can expand the full travel even more.

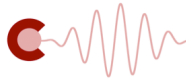


► Optical setup of a VENTEON cavity equipped with two piezos (PZ<sub>fast</sub> @ mirror M5 and PZ<sub>slow</sub> @ mirror M1) and one stepper-motor (STP).

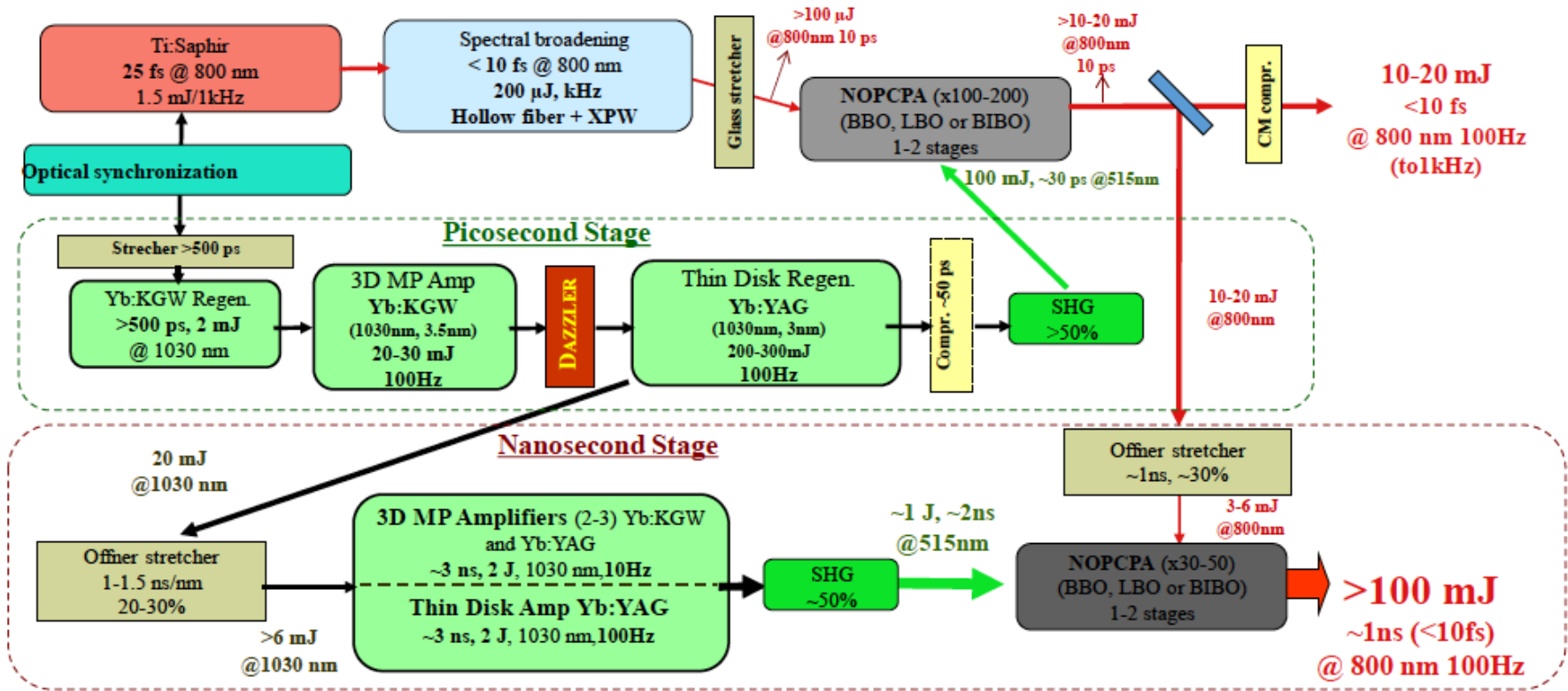
**Condition for synchronization with a RF external signal,  $f_{RF}$ :**  

$$f_s \text{ laser Rep-Rate} = f_{RF}/N$$

→ To Nd:YAG bulk amplifiers



# The ILE APOLLON 10PW Front End ps/ns strategy



Courtesy: J. P Chambaret, LEI Conference, Brasov (RO) October 21st, 2009

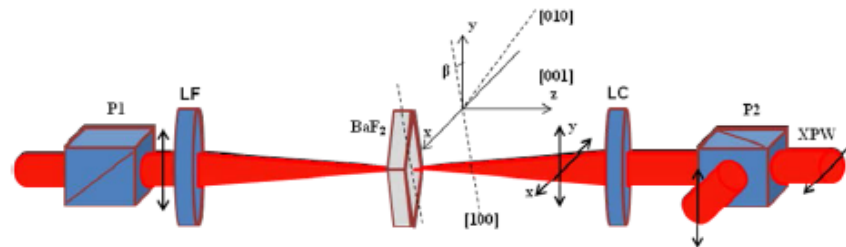




## Intensity contrast improvement inside amplifier chain

Background radiation intensity must be  $< 10^{11} \text{ W/cm}^2$

### Cross-polarized wave (XPW) generation



Contrast improvement:  $10^3\text{-}10^5$

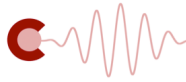
Spectral broadening by  $\sim \sqrt{3}$

$$\omega - \omega + \omega \rightarrow \omega \quad XPW_{\text{efficiency}} \sim \sigma I^3 \quad \text{where } I \text{ is the laser intensity}$$

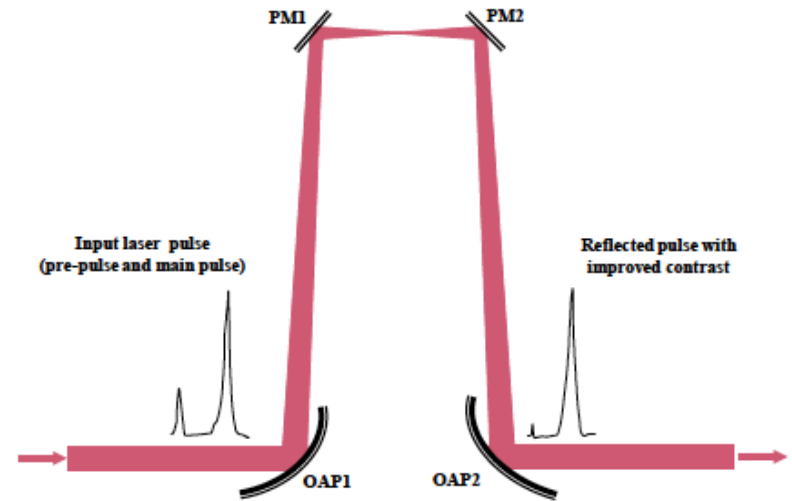
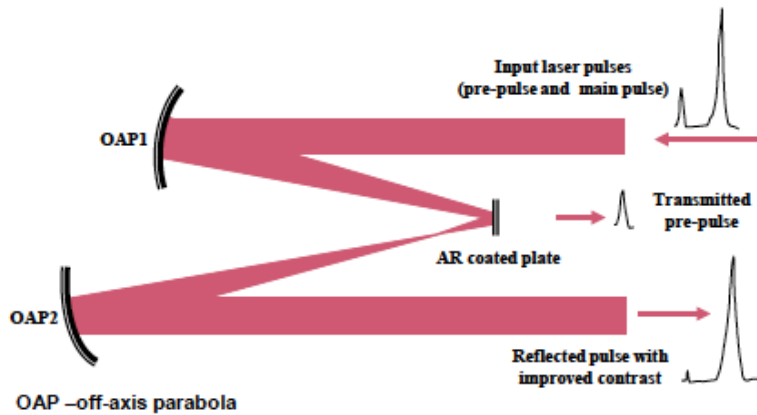
$$\sigma \sim \text{Anisotropy of the } \chi^{(3)} \text{ third order susceptibility tensor}$$

BaF<sub>2</sub> cubic crystal isotropic to linear optical properties → perfect phase and group-velocity matching of two orthogonally polarized waves

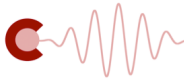
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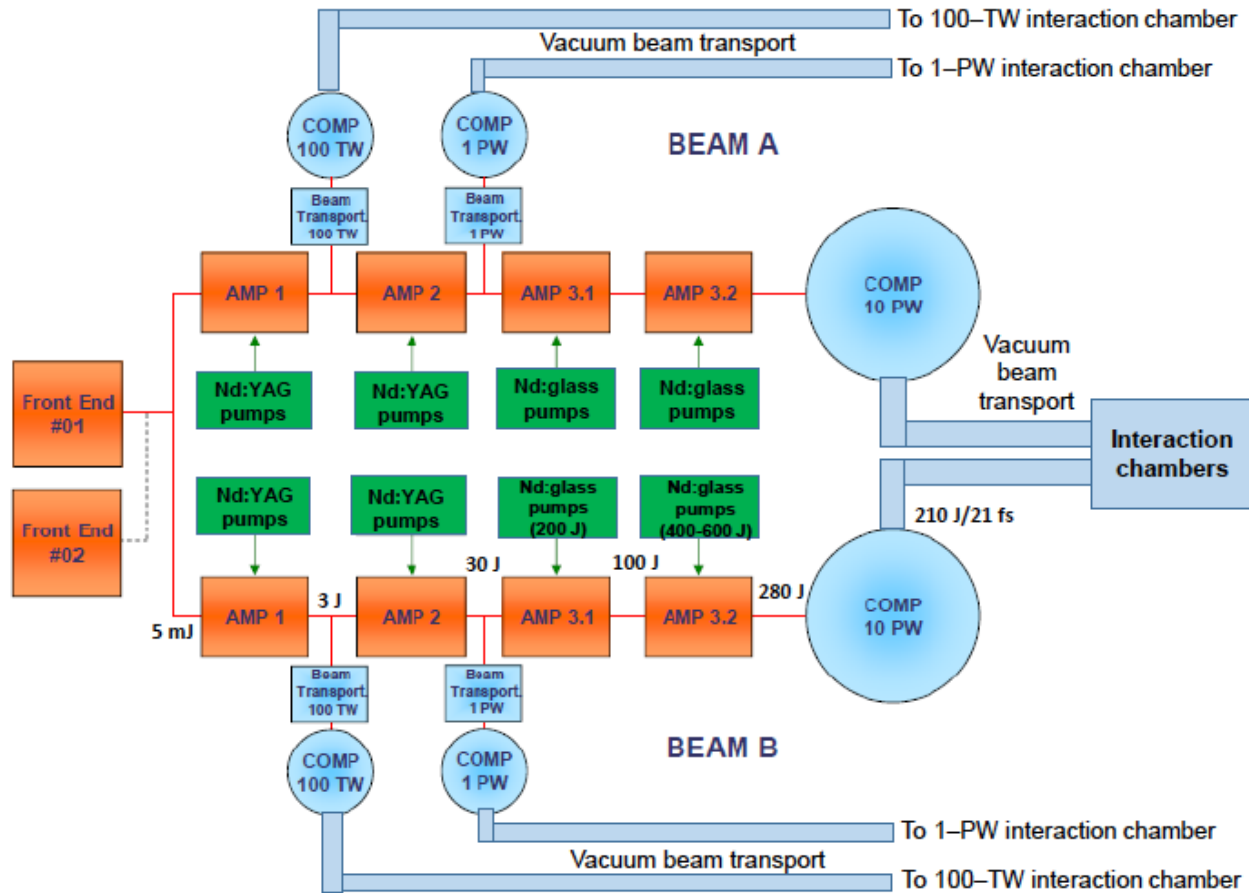
Contrast improvement after amplification and temporal compression:  
Plasma mirrors

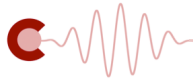


Plasma mirror principle

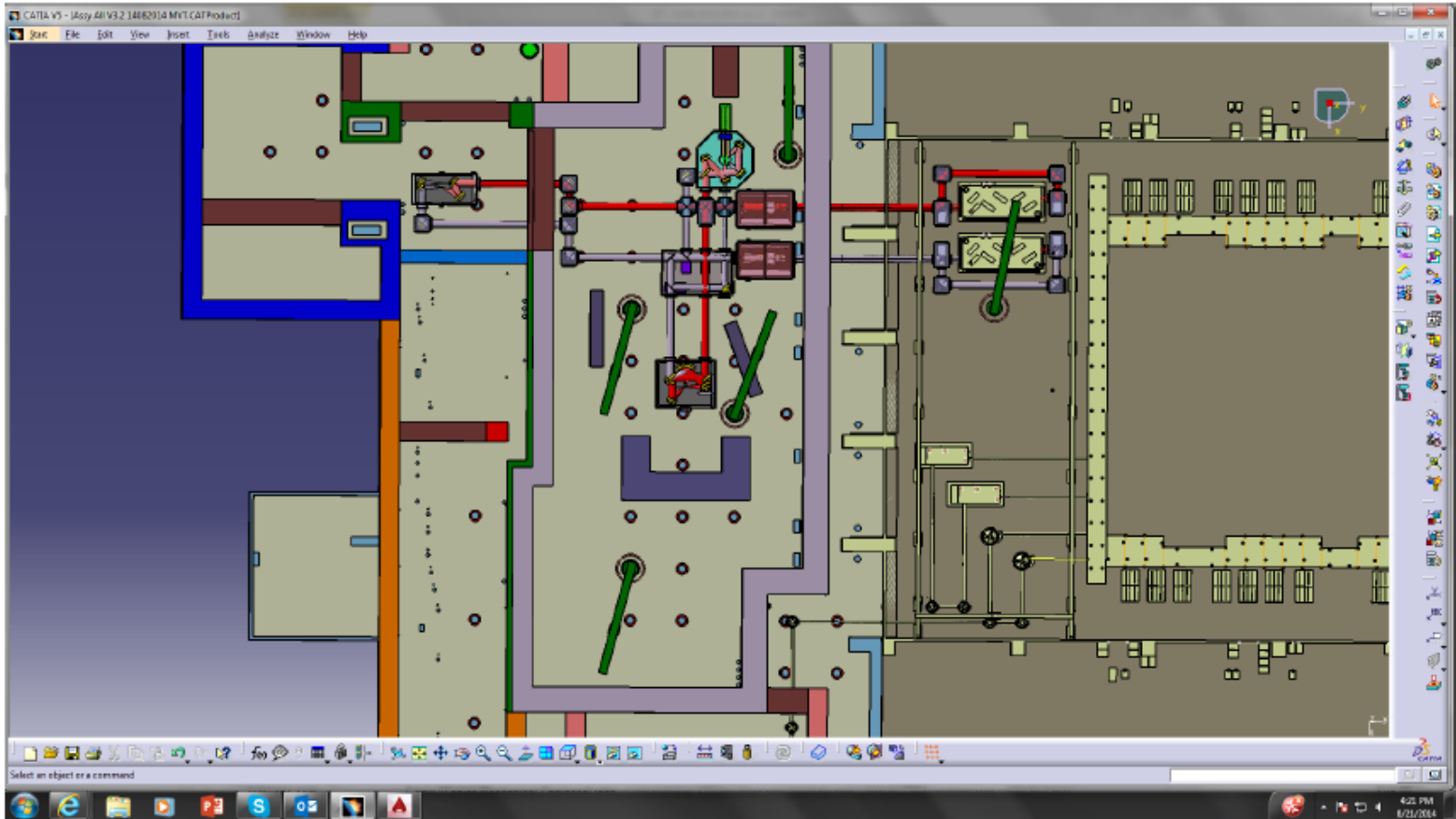


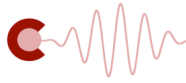
### Schematic drawing of ELI-NP HPLS



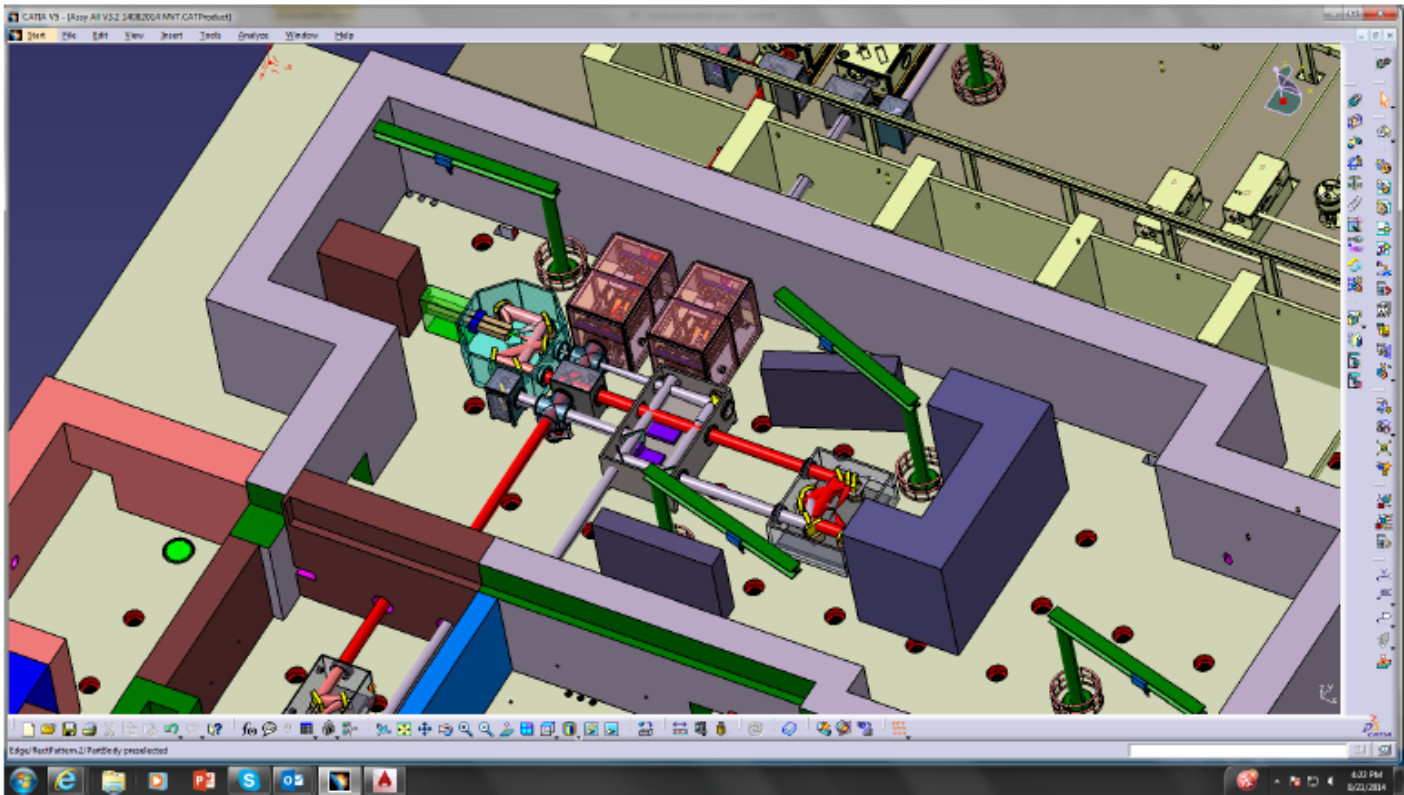


Laser beam delivery and interaction chambers (top view)

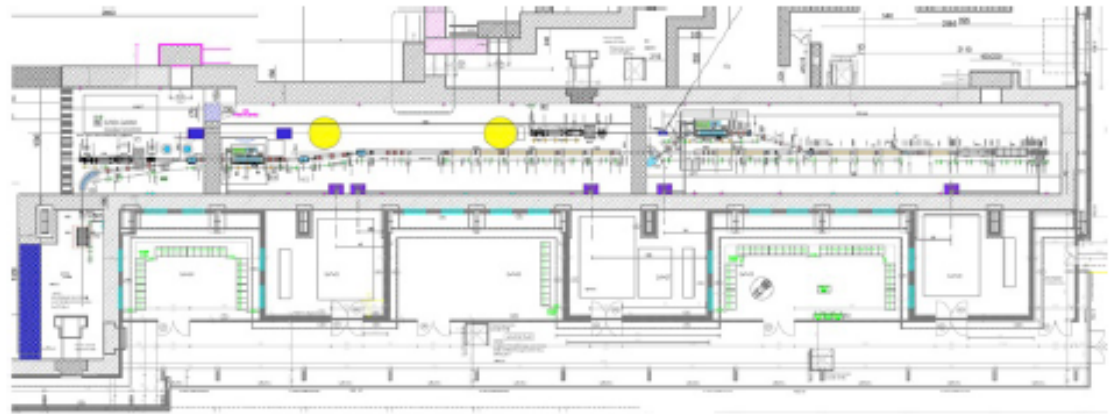




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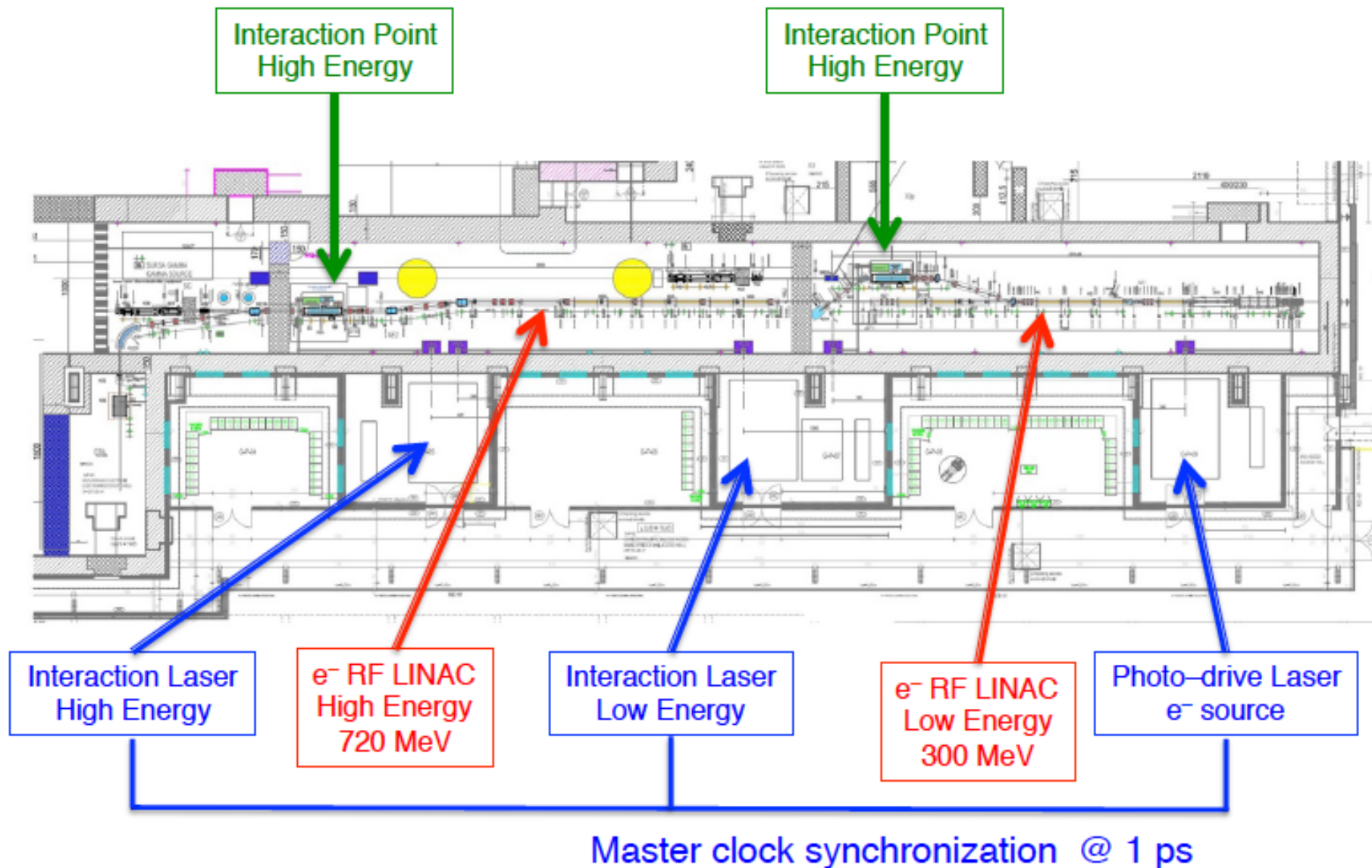


## Main components



- 1) Warm RF Linac as for Linear Collider and FEL's machines (max rep rate, multi-bunch, max phase space density per average beam power)
  - two acceleration stages
- 2) High average power, high quality J-class 100 Hz psec Collision Laser (strategic investment in new Yb:YAG laser technology)
  - two lasers
- 3) Laser recirculation with  $\mu\text{m}$  and  $\mu\text{rad}$  and sub-psec alignment/synchronization (metrology/interferometry optical cavities)
  - two interaction points

# Gamma Beam System – Layout



# Phases of GBS & Parameters

Quantity	Symbol	Unit	Specification		Footnote
			Full	Stage 2	
Minimum Photon Energy	$E_{\gamma}$	[MeV]	$\leq 0.2$	$\leq 0.2$	
Maximum Photon Energy	$E_{\gamma}$	[MeV]	$\geq 19.5$	$\geq 3$	
Tunability of the Photon Energy			Steplessly variable	-	b)
Linear Polarization of Gamma-Ray Beam	$P_{\gamma}$	[%]	$\geq 95$	-	b)
Minimum Frequency of Gamma-Ray Macropulses	$\Omega_{\gamma,M}$	[Hz]	$\geq 1.0 \times 10^2$	-	b)
Divergence	$\Delta\theta$	[rad]	$\leq 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$	$\leq 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$	b)
Average Diametral Full Width Half Maximum of Beam Spot	$\sigma_r$	[m]	$\leq 1.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$\leq 1.0 \times 10^{-2}$	a,b)
Average Bandwidth of Gamma-Ray Beam	$W$		$\leq 5.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$\leq 5.0 \times 10^{-2}$	a,b,c)
Gamma-Ray Beam Time-Average Spectral Density at Peak Energy	$F$	[l/(s•eV)]	$\geq 5.0 \times 10^3$	$\geq 5.0 \times 10^2$	d)
Time-Average Brilliance at Peak Energy	$B_{av}$	[l/(s•mm <sup>2</sup> •mrad <sup>2</sup> •0.1%W)]	$\geq 1.0 \times 10^{11}$	$\geq 1.0 \times 10^{10}$	a,d)
Peak-Brilliance at Peak Energy	$B$	[l/(s•mm <sup>2</sup> •mrad <sup>2</sup> •0.1%W)]	$\geq 1.0 \times 10^{19}$	-	a,d)
Average Spectral Off-Peak Gamma-Ray Background Density	$\Phi_{\gamma,bkg}$	[l/(s•eV)]	$\leq 1.0 \times 10^{-2}$	-	a,b,c)

1.  $E_{\gamma} > 1$  MeV (**Demonstrator**)
    - a. Expandable to the full system
    - b. Deadline 31.10.2015
  2. Intermediate parameters
    - a. Deadline 28.02.2017
  3. Full system
    - a. Deadline (after 54 months)
    - b. Two beams: stage 2 and stage 3
- 
- a) At reference-point located at approximately 10 m downstream of the Compton-collision point for gamma-ray production
  - b) For all gamma-ray energies between minimum and maximum photon energy
  - c) At all points within the FWHM of the beam spot
  - d) At gamma-ray energy of 2 MeV (for the first part of the electron accelerator) and 10 MeV (for the full electron accelerator)



# ELI-NP GBS Layout

## Accelerator and Equipment in ELI-NP Building

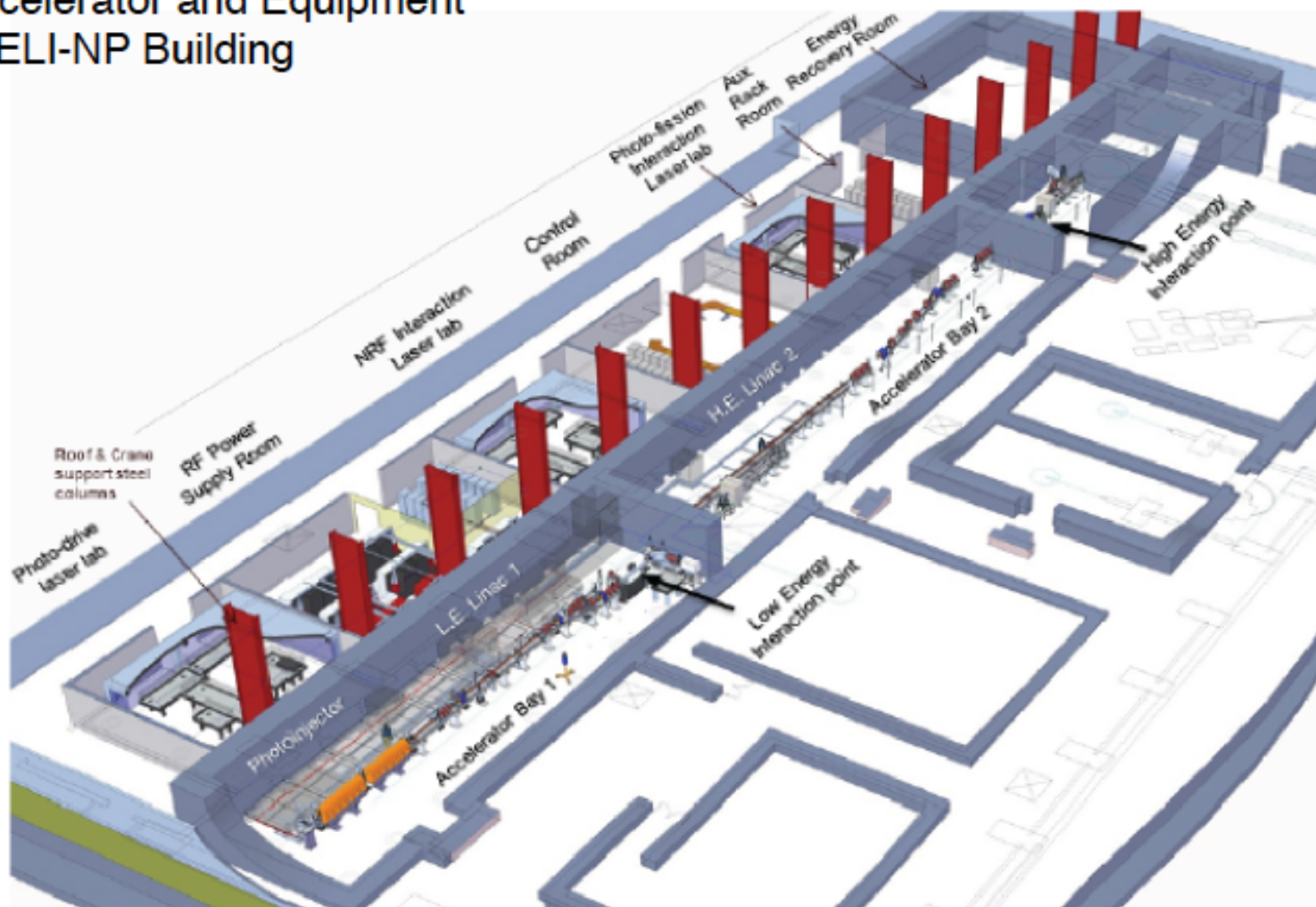
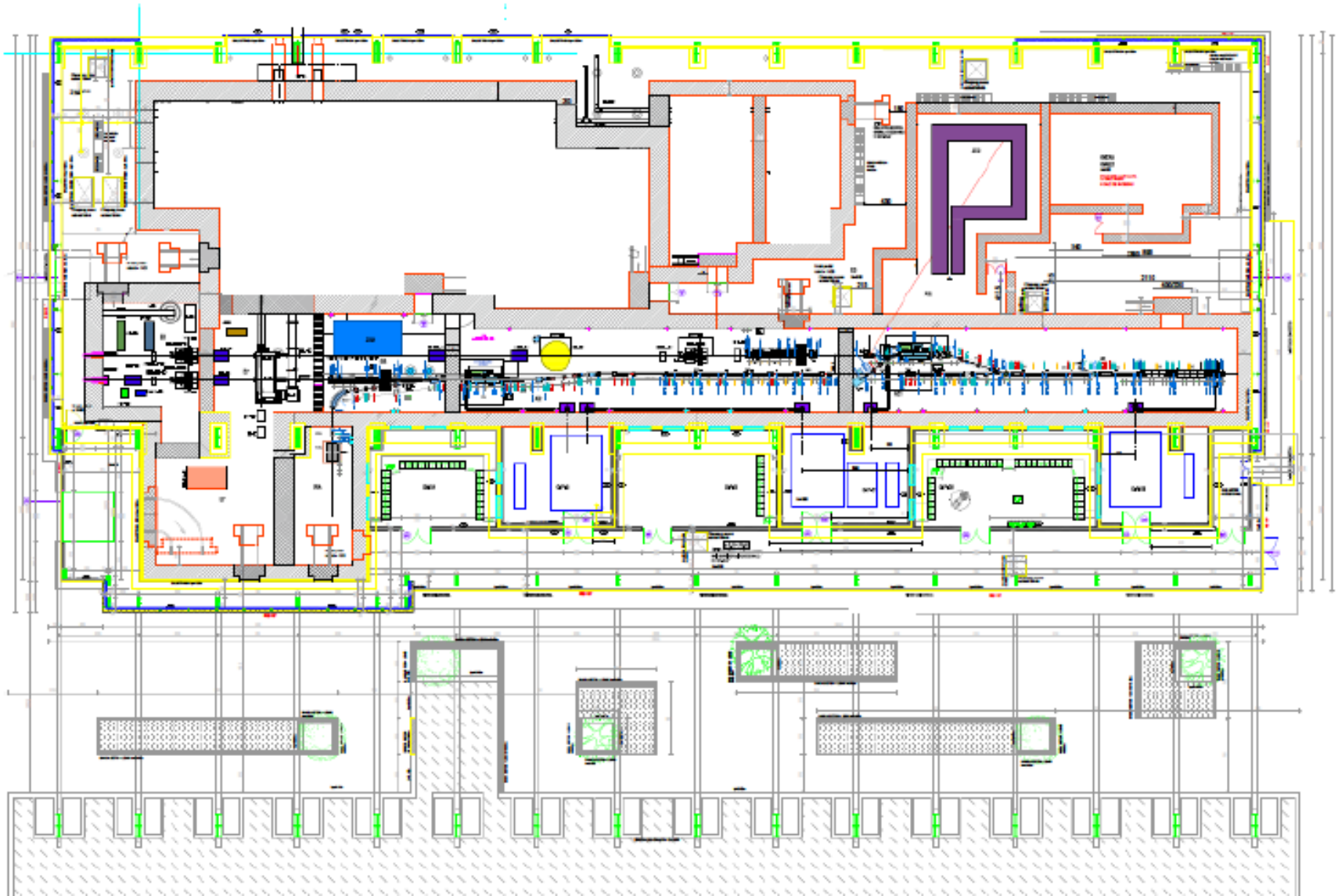


Fig. 197. Isometric 3D view of Building Layout of the Accelerator Hall & Experimental Areas



# ELI-NP Experiment Building



# Experiment TDRs with GBS

1. Gamma Beam Delivery & Diagnostics
2. NRF Experiments
3. Photo-fission experiments
4.  $(\gamma, n)$  experiments – above the neutron threshold
5.  $(\gamma, \text{charged particles})$  experiments
6. Positron source for material science
7. Applications

# Gamma Beam Diagnostics Stages

## Accelerator commissioning stage (2016)

- bremsstrahlung spectra measurement
  - large NaI(Tl) detector
- energy profile measurements (gamma rays with  $< 3$  MeV)
  - large volume HPGe detector with anti-Compton shield or large volume LaBr<sub>3</sub> detector

## Low-energy stage (beginning 2017) $\geq 3$ MeV & BW $\leq 5 \times 10^{-2}$

- in-beam measurements
  - high count rate  $\rightarrow$  reduction of photon number
    - high precision absorbers
  - flux counter detector

## High-energy stage (end of 2018) $\geq 19.5$ MeV & BW $\leq 5 \times 10^{-3}$

- + characterize the time structure of the gamma beam
  - LaBr<sub>3</sub> detector for fast timing (2" x 2")  $\leq 0.5$  ns
- + polarization measurements
  - <sup>232</sup>Th NRF
  - <sup>2</sup>D break-up (neutrons and protons)

# GBS – Experimental Setups

## E3: Positron spectroscopy

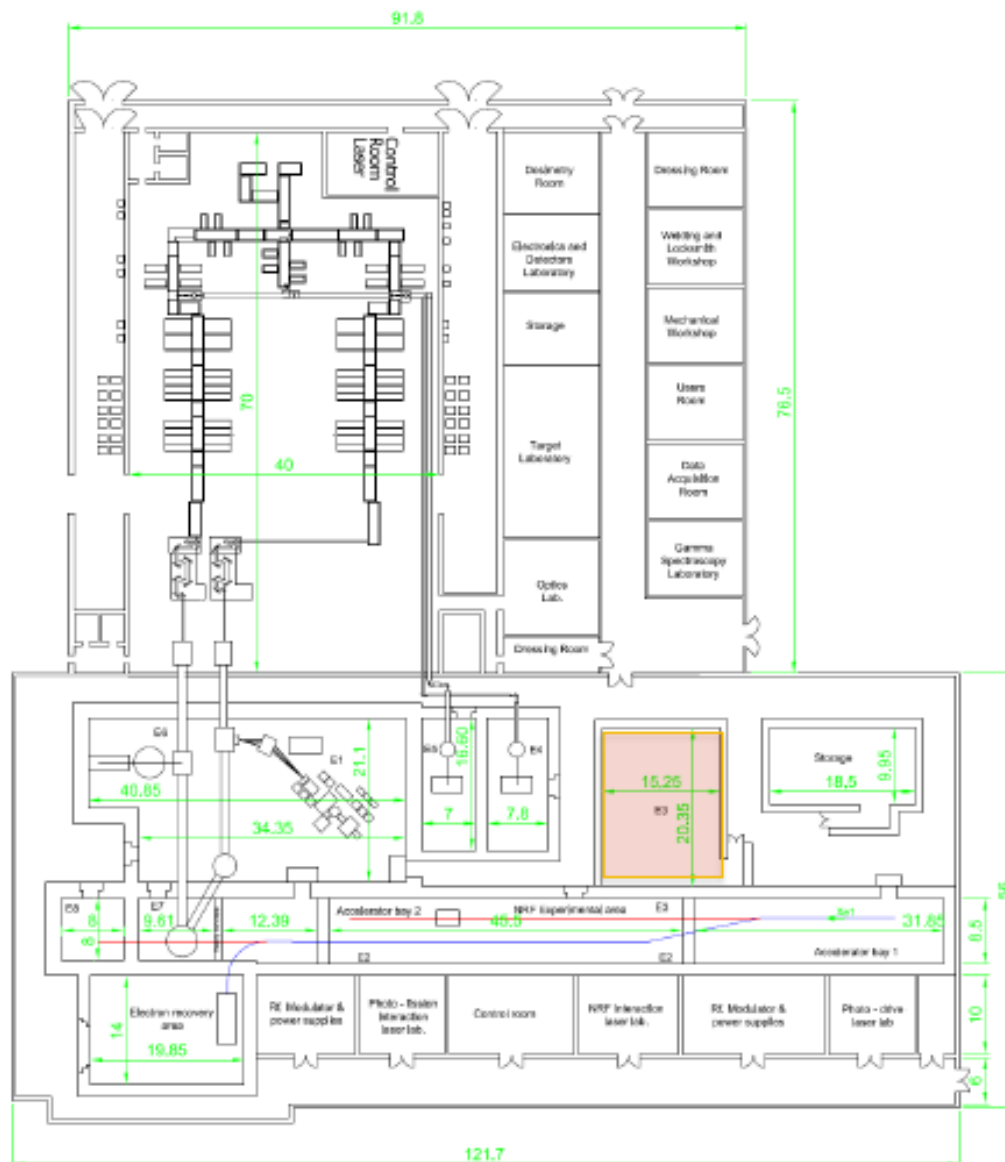
## E2: Low energy gamma vault

- Nuclear Resonance Fluorescence
- Isotope-specific material detection, assay and imaging
- Medical isotopes

## E8: High energy gamma vault

- $(\gamma, n)$  cross sections
- $(\gamma, \text{charged particles})$  astrophysics
- NRF
- Photofission

## E7: Experiments with combined laser and gamma beams



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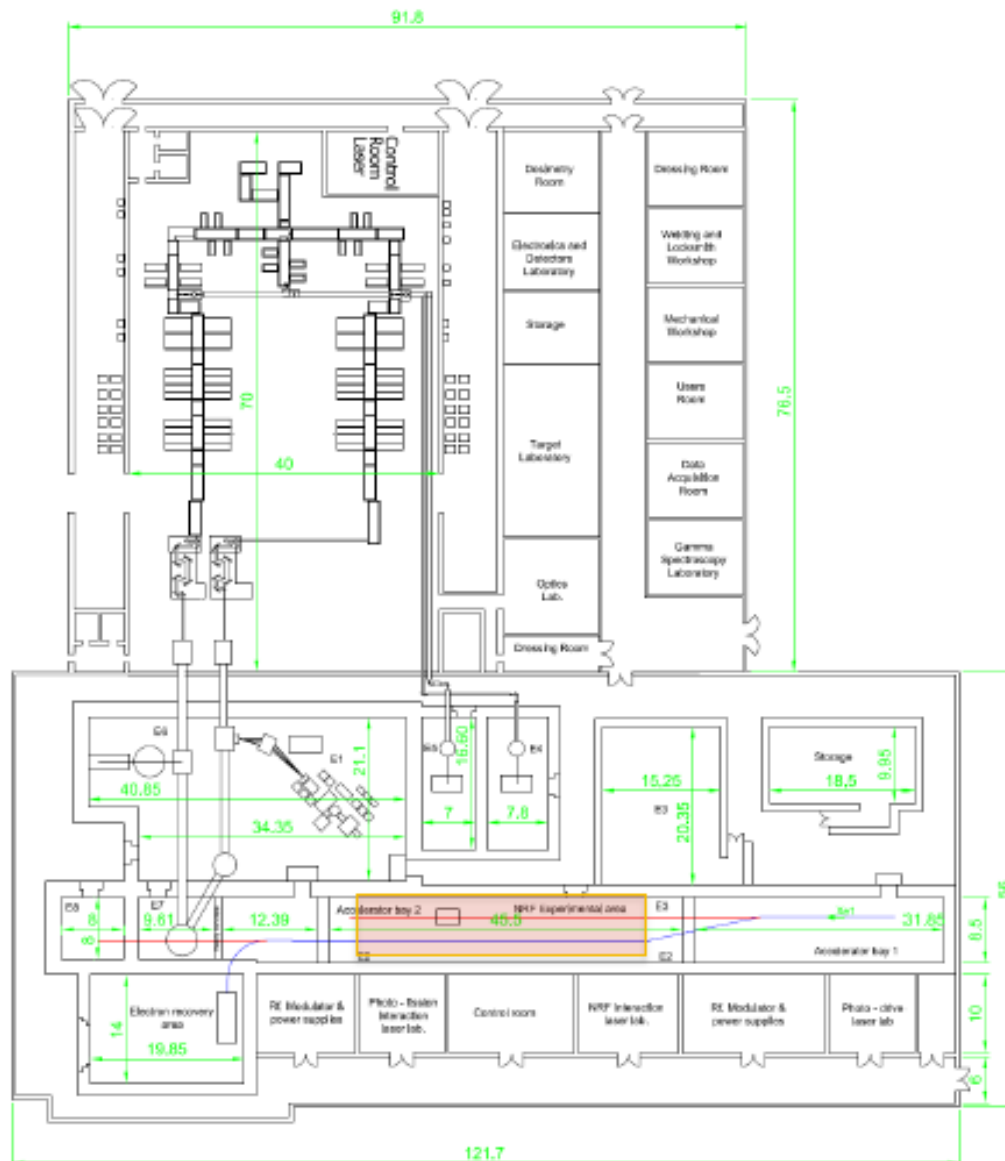
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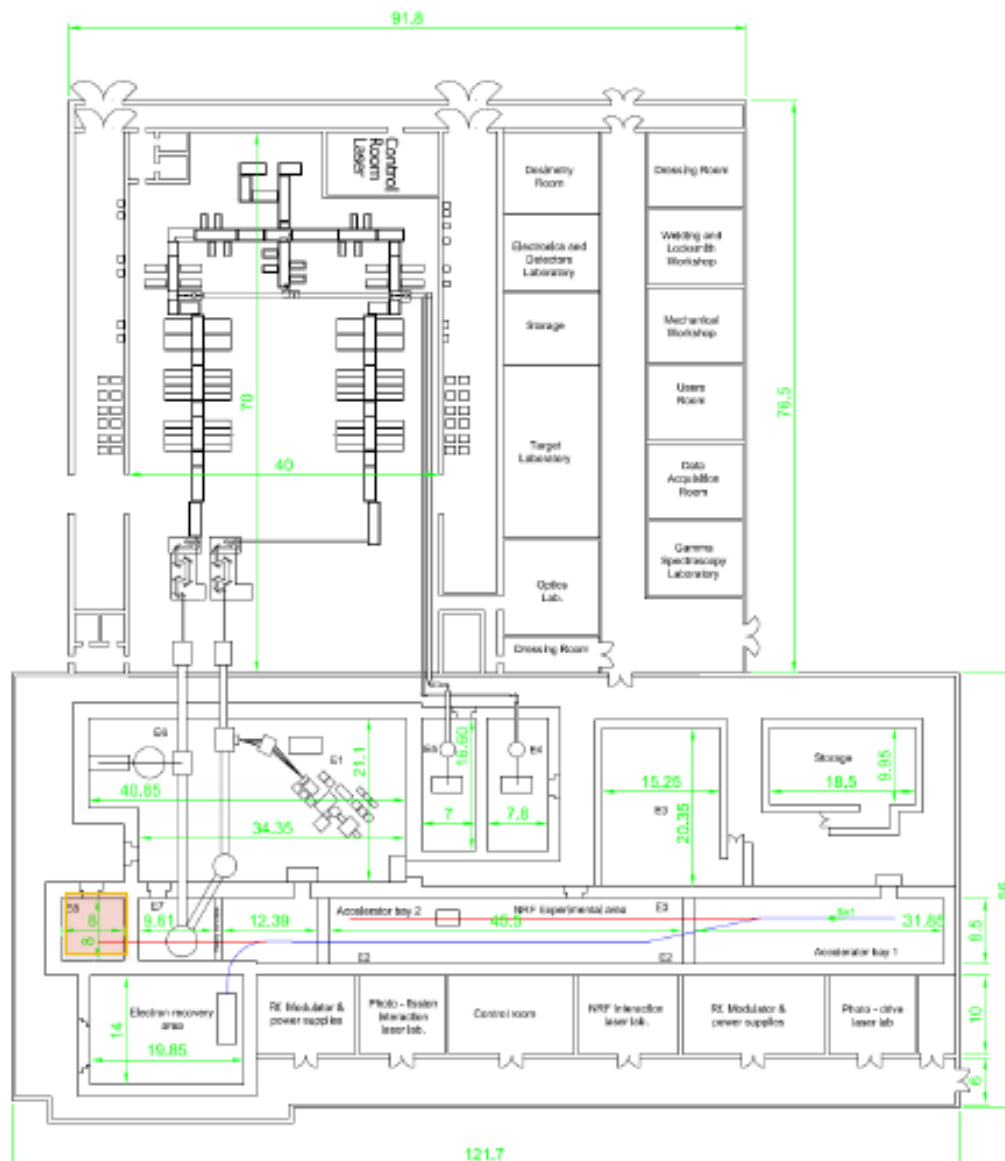
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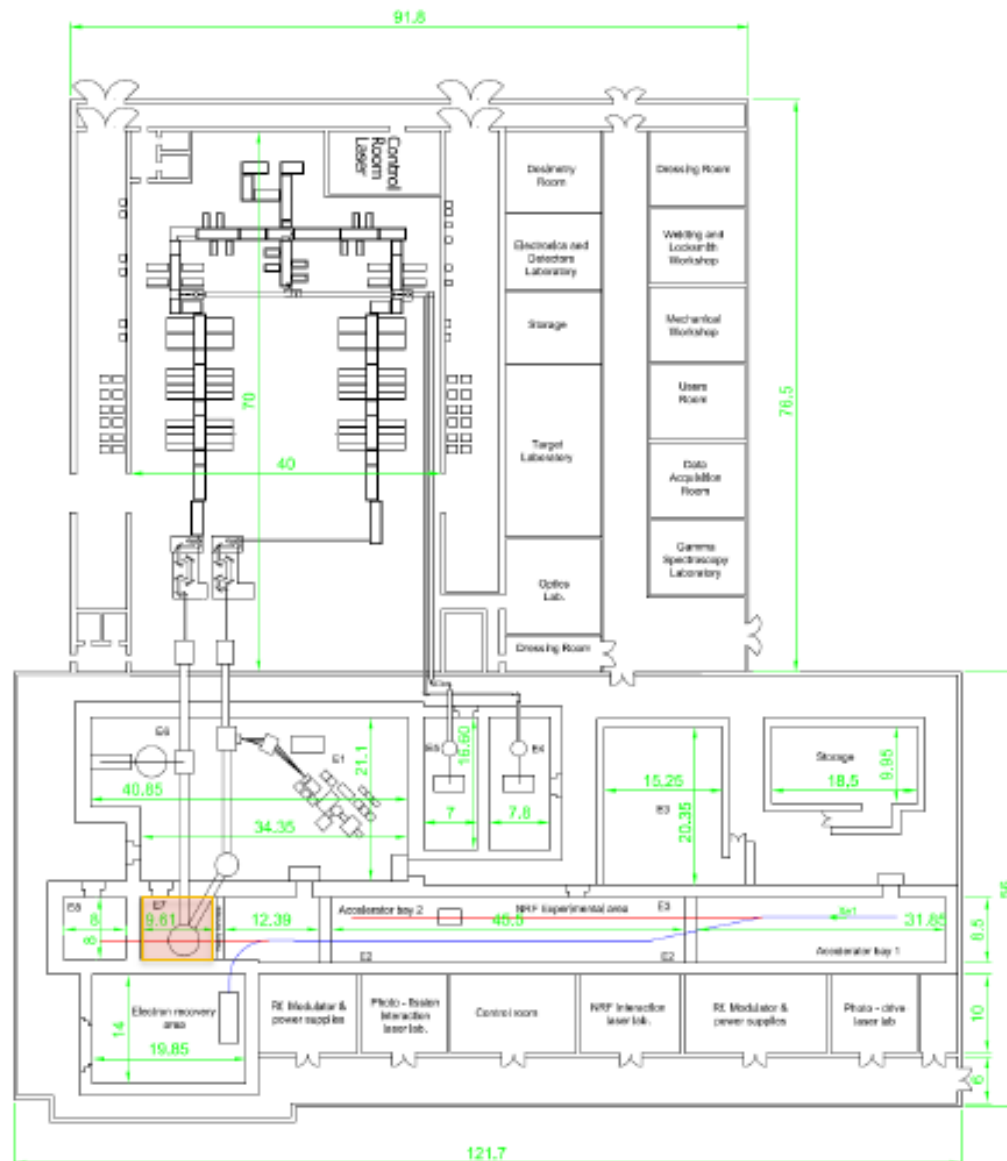
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- ✓ Beam transport and switchyards
- ✓ **Experiments (RP2-RP6)**
- ✓ RP3 (ion and electron acceleration)

# Relativistic Nonlinear Optics

- 2 sources of Nonlinearity
1. relativistic mass change
  2. Pondermotive Pressure

# Relativistic Optics

$$\vec{F} = q \left( \vec{E} + \left( \frac{\vec{v}}{c} \wedge \vec{B} \right) \right)$$

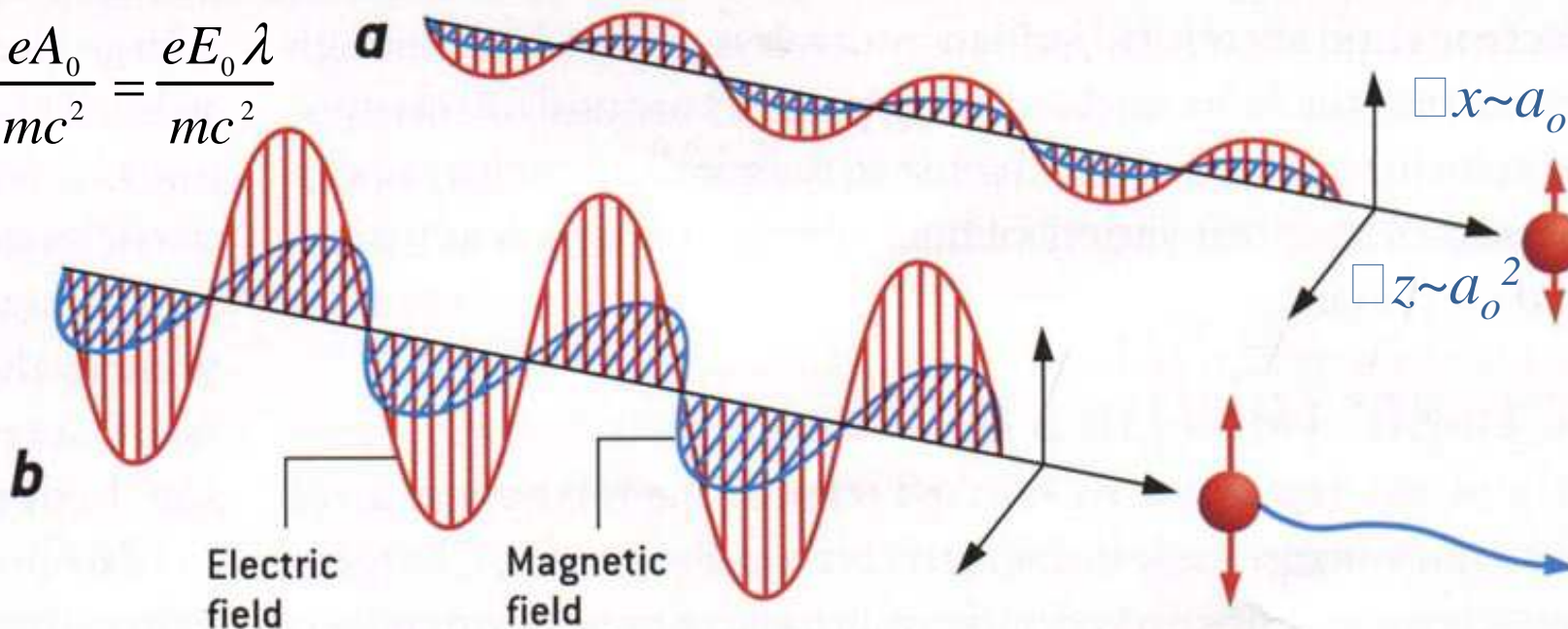
a) Classical optics  $v \ll c$ ,

$$a_0 \ll 1, a_0 \gg a_0^2$$

b) Relativistic optics  $v \sim c$

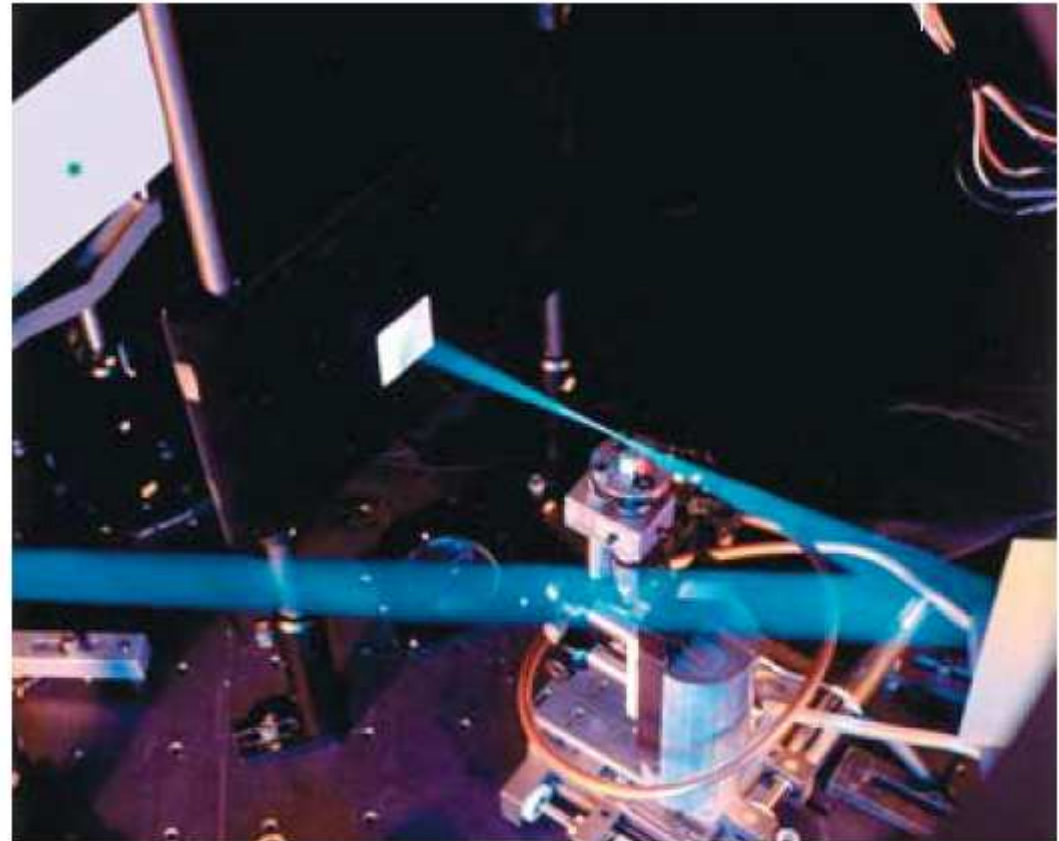
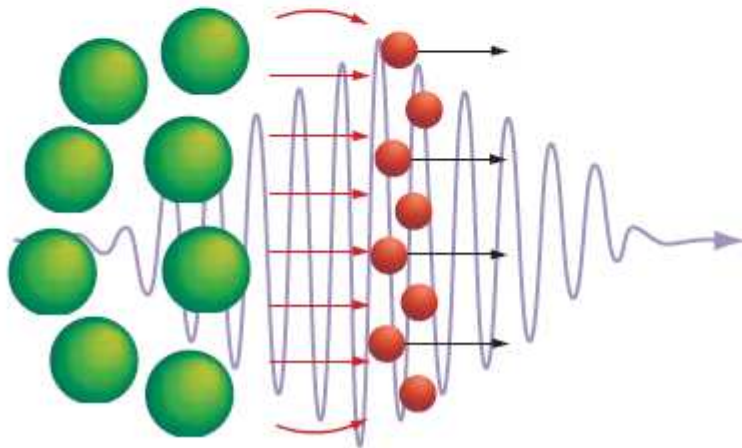
$$a_0 \gg 1, a_0 \ll a_0^2$$

$$a_0 = \frac{eA_0}{mc^2} = \frac{eE_0 \lambda}{mc^2}$$



## WAKE-FIELD ACCELERATION

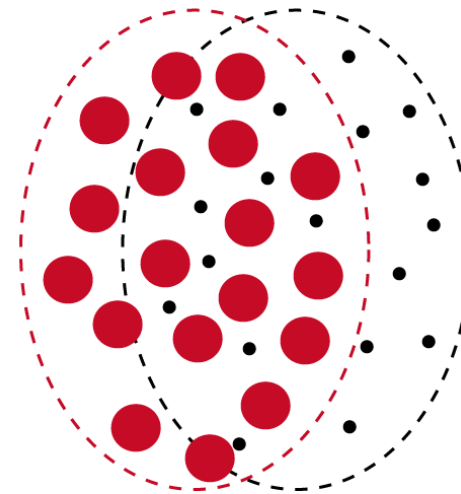
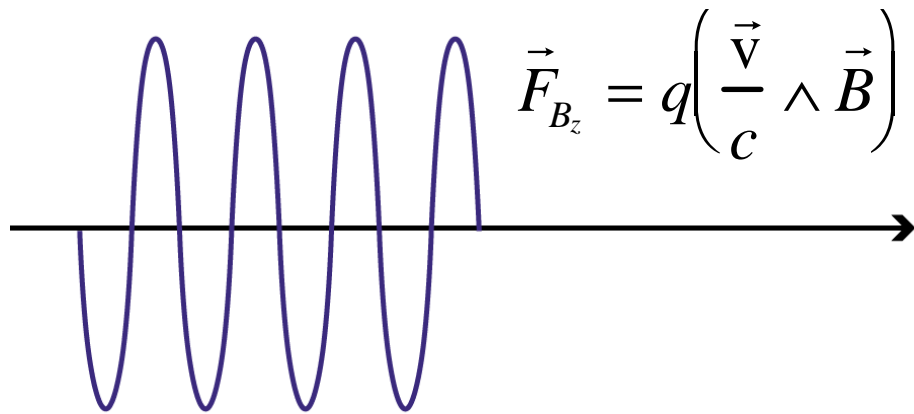
HIGH-INTENSITY LIGHT striking a plasma (*below*) pushes the electrons to very high speeds, leaving the heavier positive ions (*green*) behind and producing a powerful electric field (*red lines*) between these separated charges. This separation of charges and the associated electric field trails along in the wake of the light and can accelerate other charged particles to very high energy.



ULTRAHIGH-INTENSITY LASER PULSE (*added in blue*) focused on a jet of helium gas by a parabolic mirror accelerates electrons from the gas to 60 MeV in one millimeter. A fluorescent screen (*upper left*) detects the high-energy electron beam.

# Relativistic Rectification

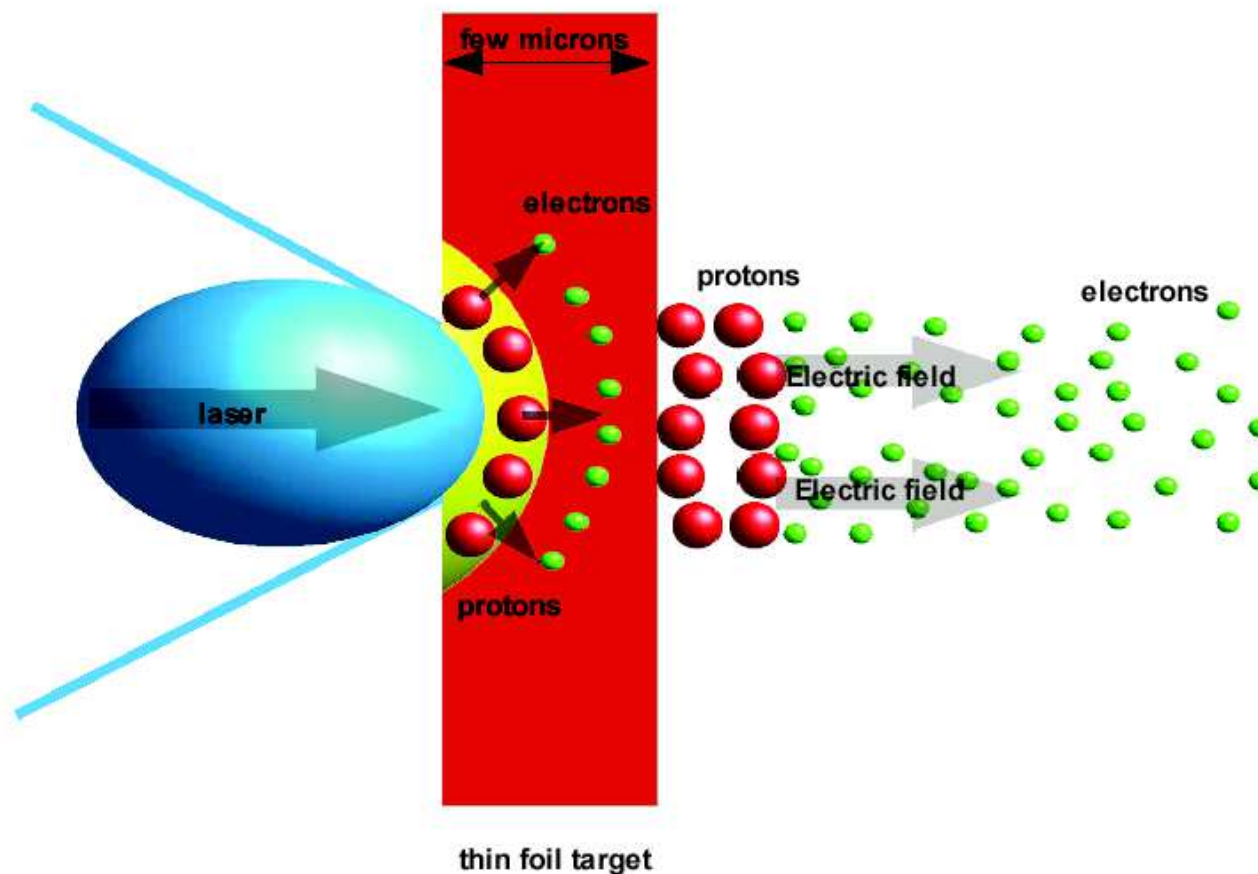
(Wake-Field Tajima, Dawson)  $\vec{E}_s$  



- 1)  $\vec{v} \wedge \vec{B}$  pushes the electrons.
- 2) The charge separation generates an electrostatic longitudinal field. (Tajima and Dawson: Wake Fields or Snow Plough)

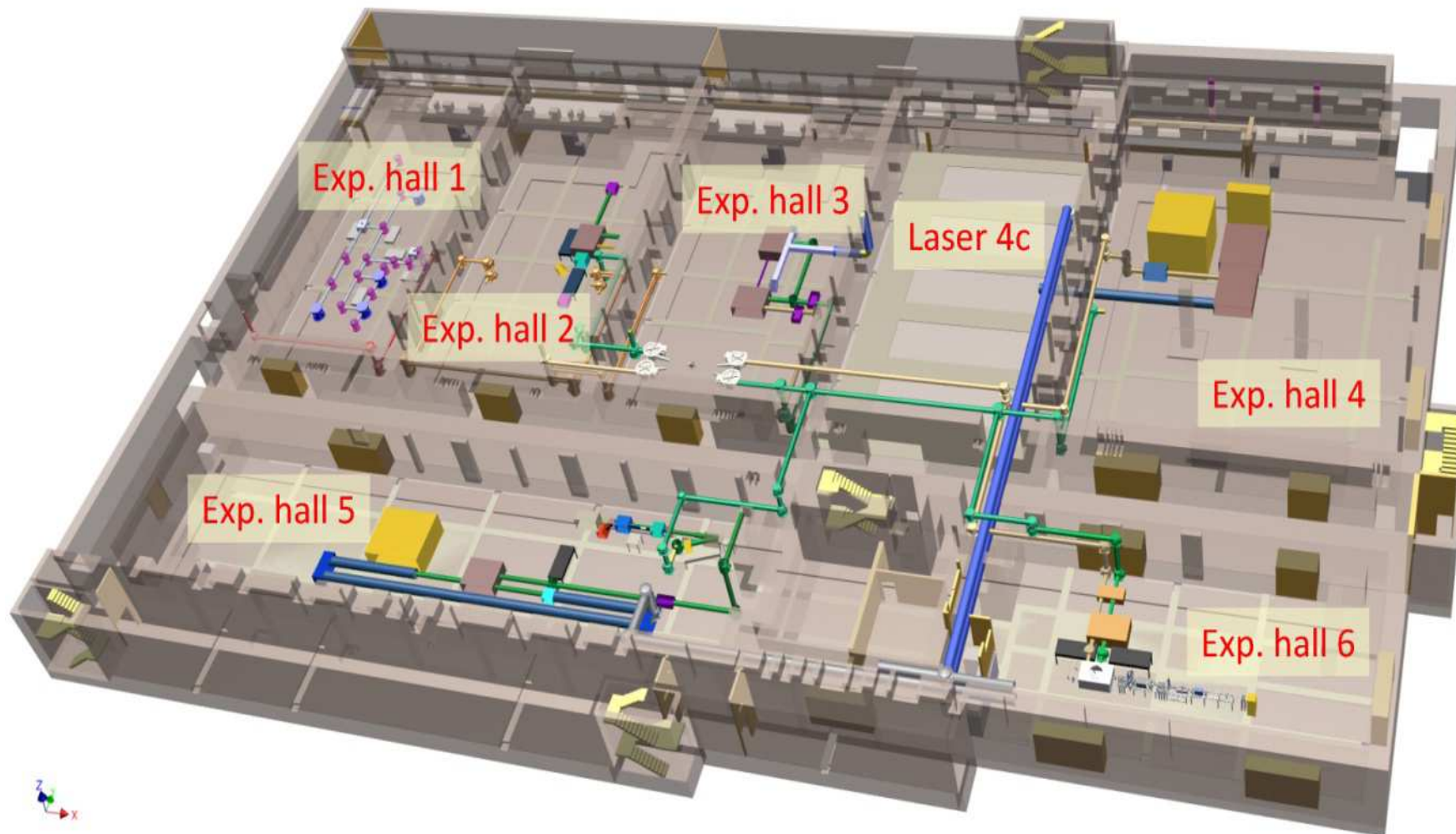
$$E_s = \frac{c \gamma m_o \omega_p}{e} = \sqrt{4 \pi \gamma m_o c^2 n_e}$$

# eli Proton Acceleration mechanism (TNSA)

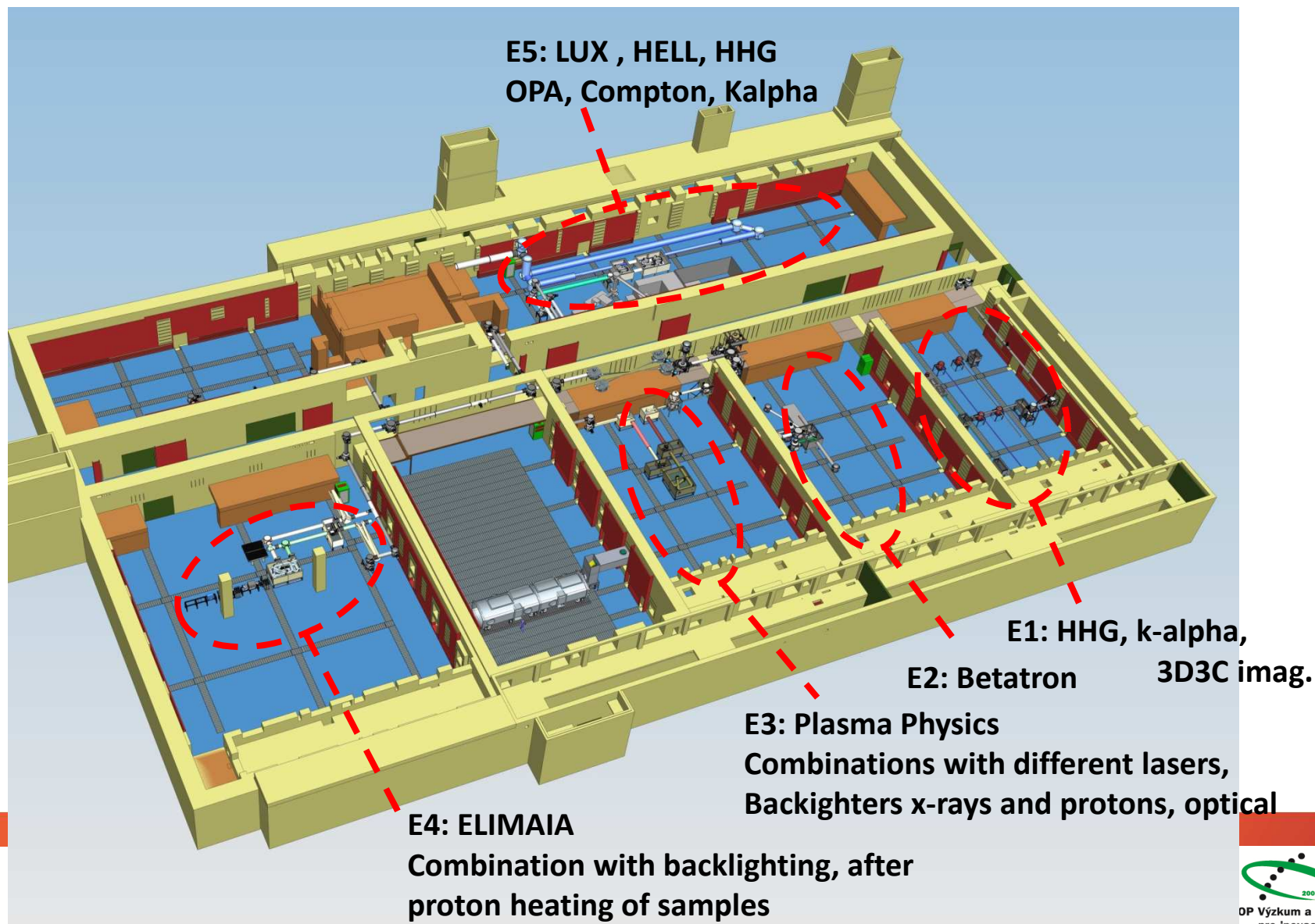




# Experimental Area (ground floor)



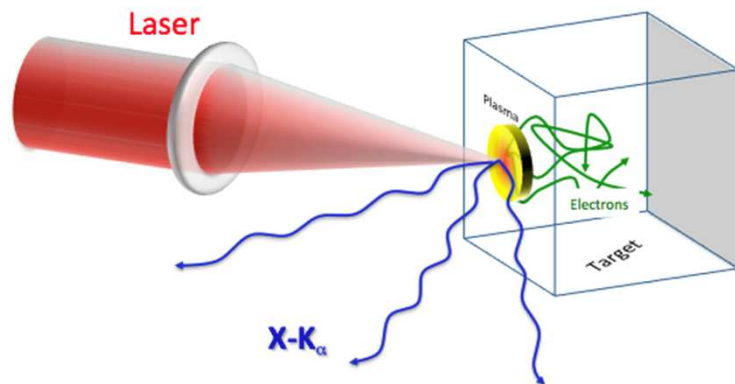
# Experimental Areas, Basement floor



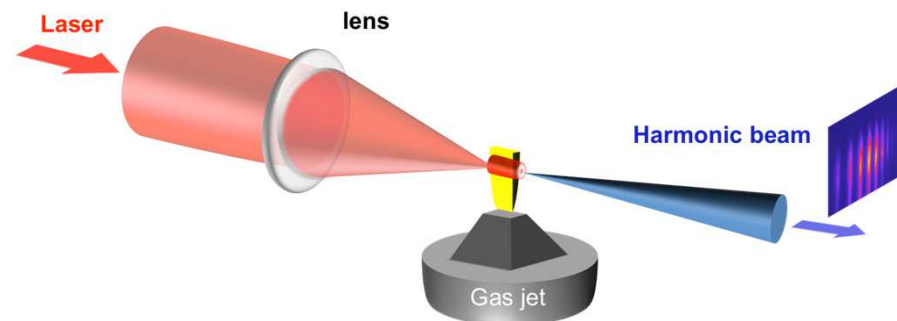
# RP2: Laser-driven X-ray sources

## S. Sebban

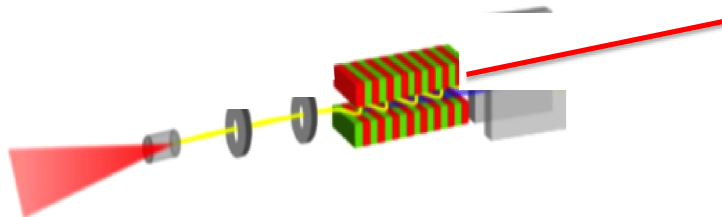
Plasma sources



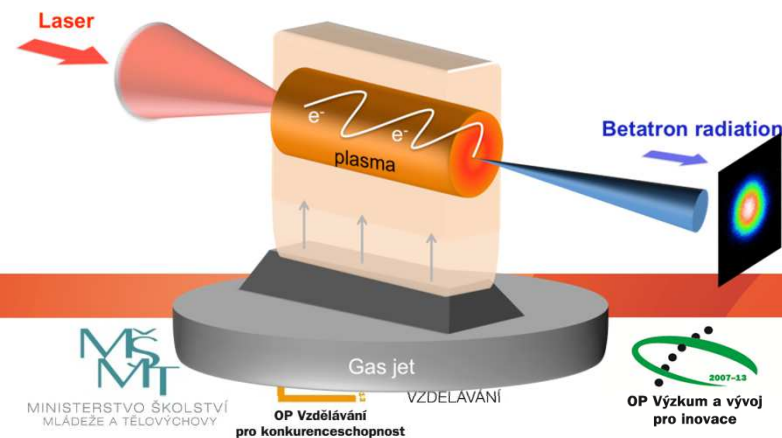
Harmonics (gas)



LUX/XFEL



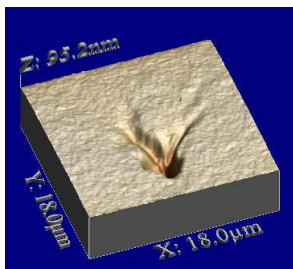
X-rays from relativistic e-beams



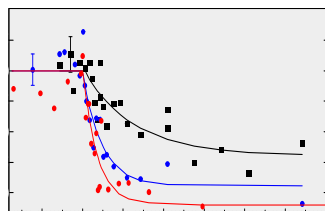
# Motivations : bright fs sources for applications

## See Talk of J. Andreasson

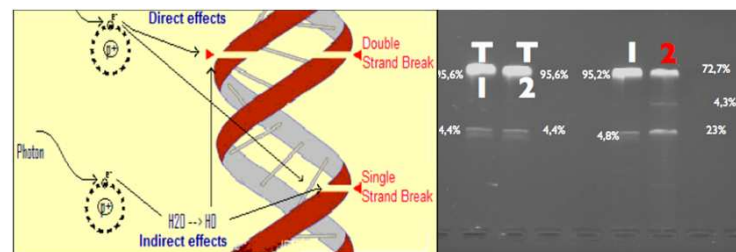
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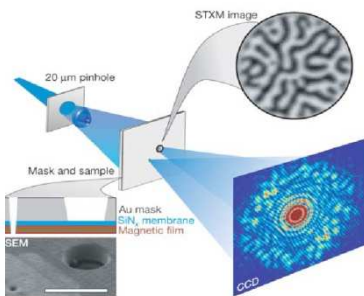
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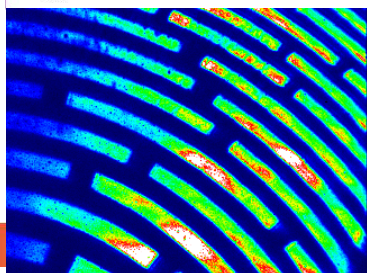
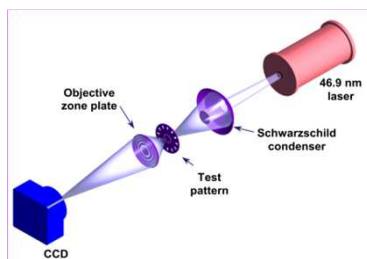
### Bio structures, damage



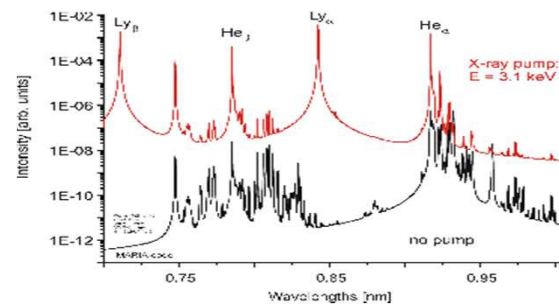
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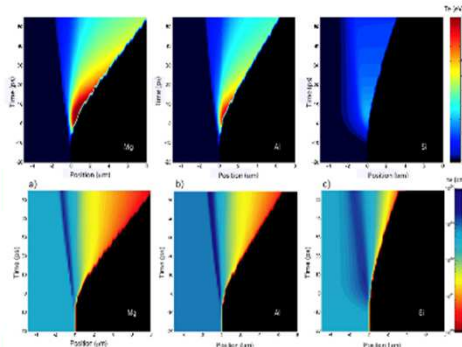
### X-ray microscopy



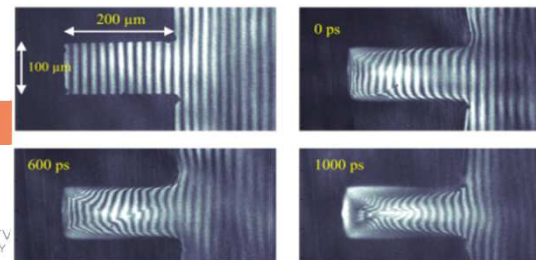
### Atomic physics



### Warm dense matter

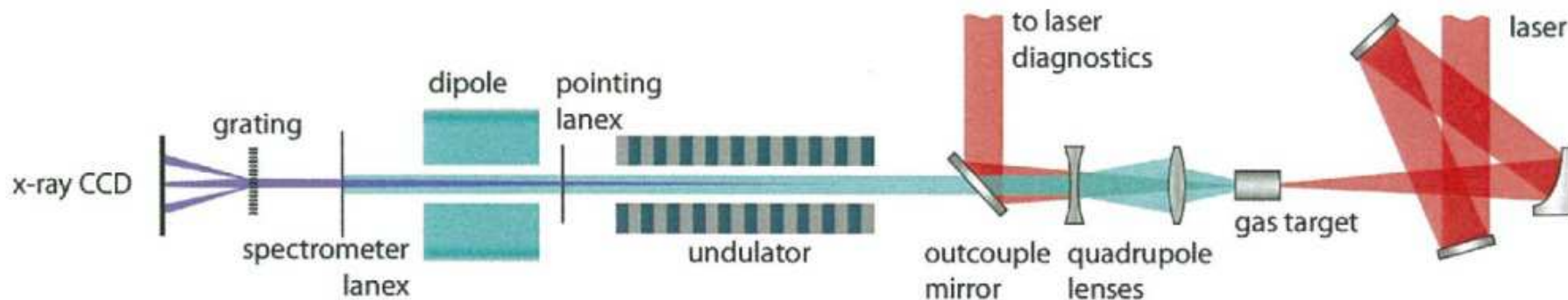


### Plasma diagnostics

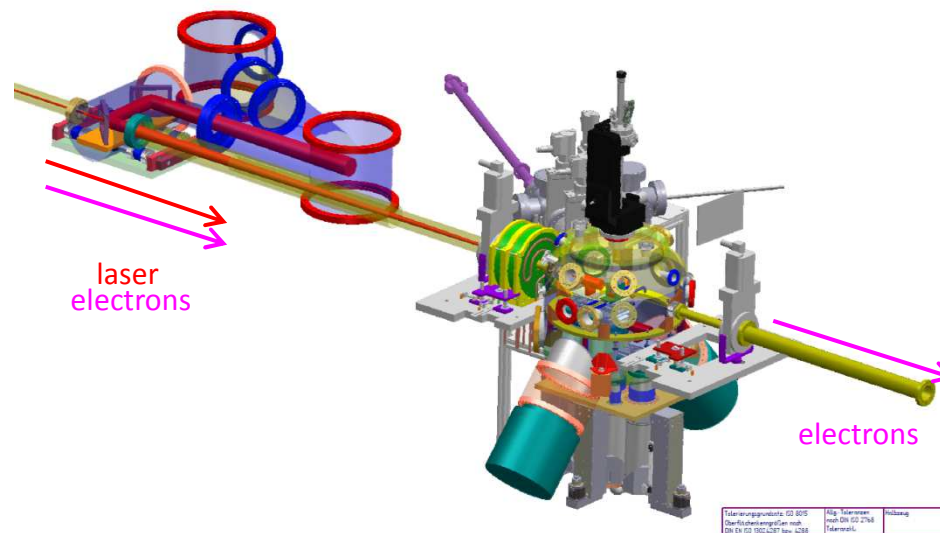


# LUX (Laser Undulator X-ray) beamline

## F. Gruener

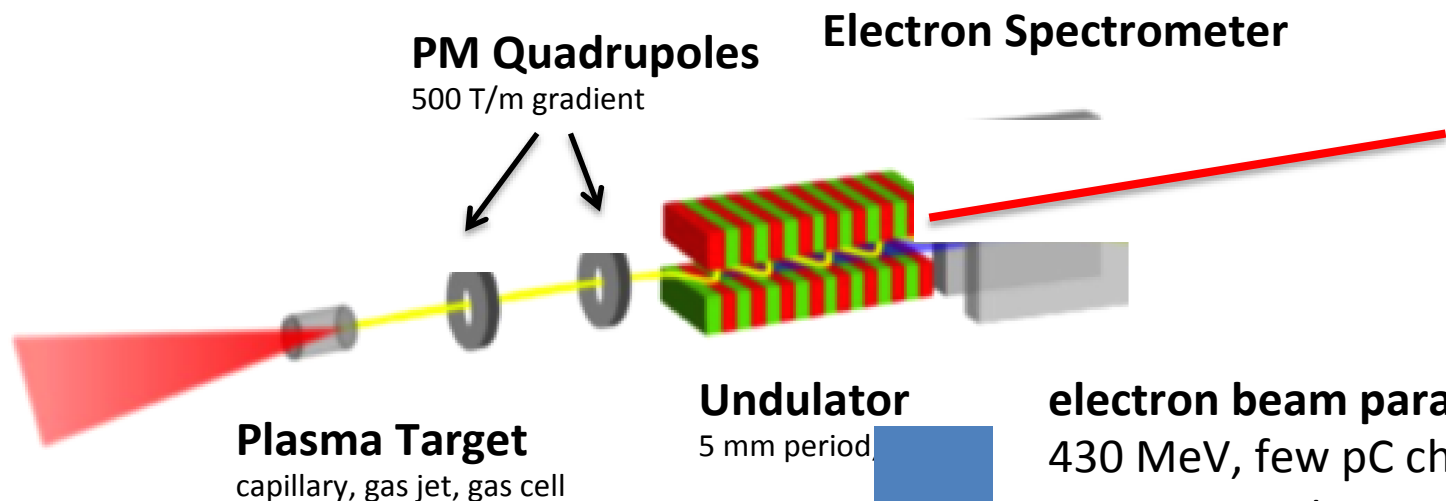


- Development in collaboration with Hamburg University (F. Gruener) and DESY
- Water window wavelength range with sub-5fs pulse duration
- Future extension to laser driven X-FEL with more undulators ( water window and 5 keV, short and tunable x-ray pulses)



REGAE beamline (Hamburg) CAD model

# LUX beamline



**Laser**

~100 TW class

**Plasma Target**

capillary, gas jet, gas cell

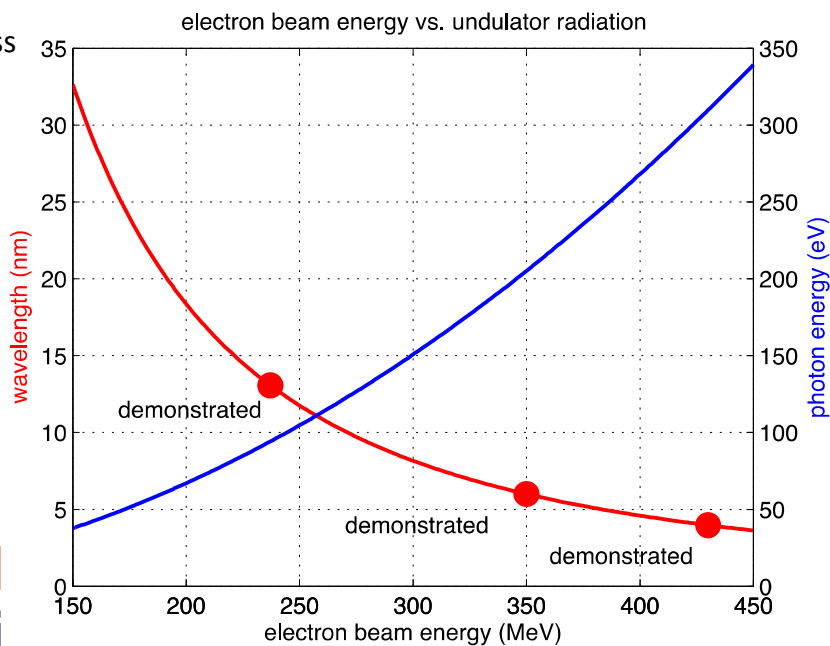
**Undulator**

5 mm period

**electron beam parameters:**

430 MeV, few pC charge

0.2 mm.mrad norm emittance



**photons (2016)**

- bandwidth stabilized to 2%
- pointing stabilized
- $10^5 \dots 10^6$  photons per pulse
- down to 3 nm
- pump-probe experiments

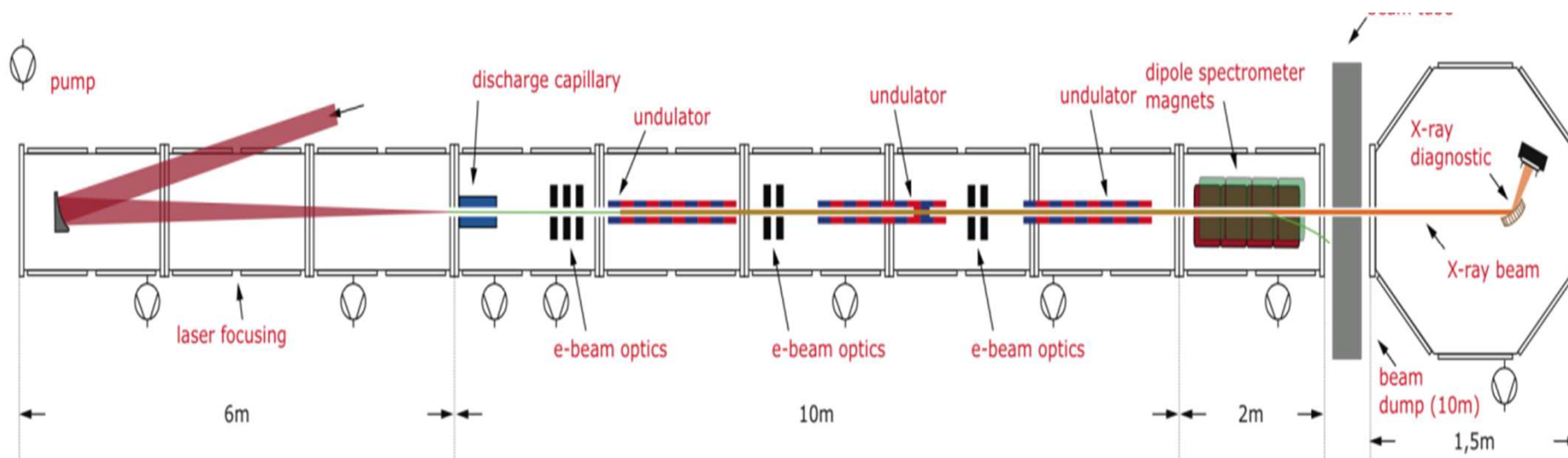
M. Fuchs et al., *Nature Physics* **5**, 826 (2009)

# Laser driven LUX and x-FEL (F. Grüner et al.)

Long term vision, ELI-white book

200 TW -1 PW @ 5-10 Hz, L2, L3

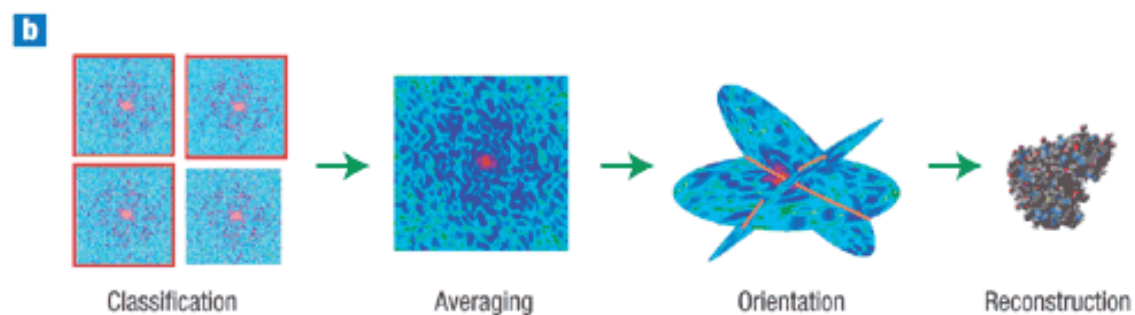
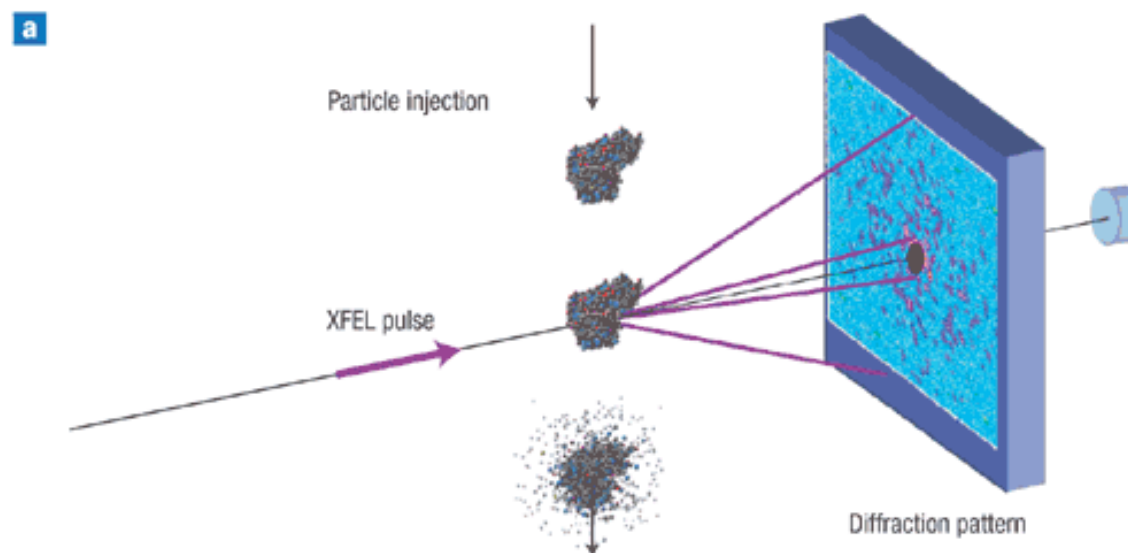
Cooperation with DESY using accelerator know-how, injection with synchronized relativistic electron gun



Water window FEL needs 400 MeV

2 GeV electrons, 5 keV, short and tunable x-ray pulses

# Time-resolved single-particle diffraction imaging of biological molecules without crystallization, J. Andreasson





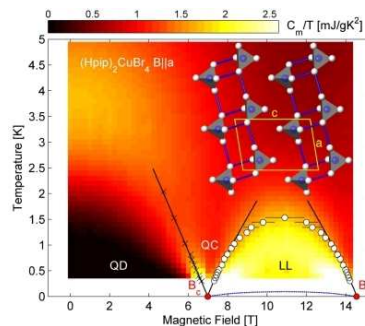
## 1: Coherent Diffractive Imaging (CDI) and Atomic, Molecular and Optical (AMO) Science

@ the direct beamline of the HHG source



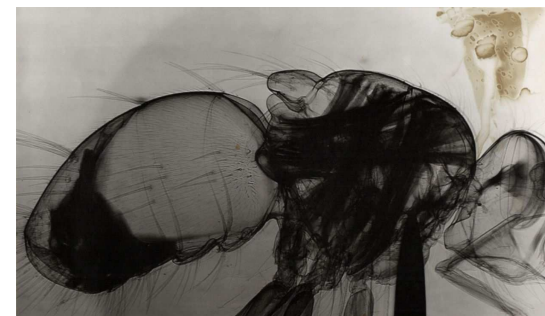
## 2: Soft X-ray Materials Science

@ the monochromator beamline of the HHG source



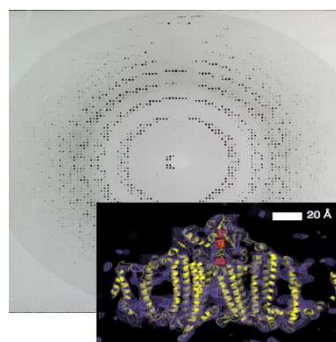
## 3: X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy (XAS) and Incoherent X-ray Imaging

@ one of the PXS beamlines



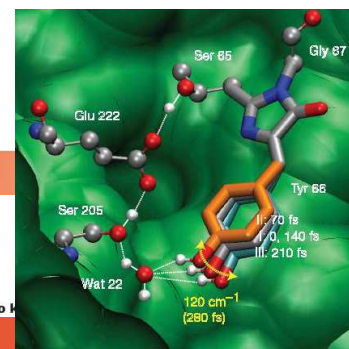
## 4: X-ray Diffraction

@ the other of the PXS beamlines



## 5: Optical Spectroscopy and Molecular Dynamics

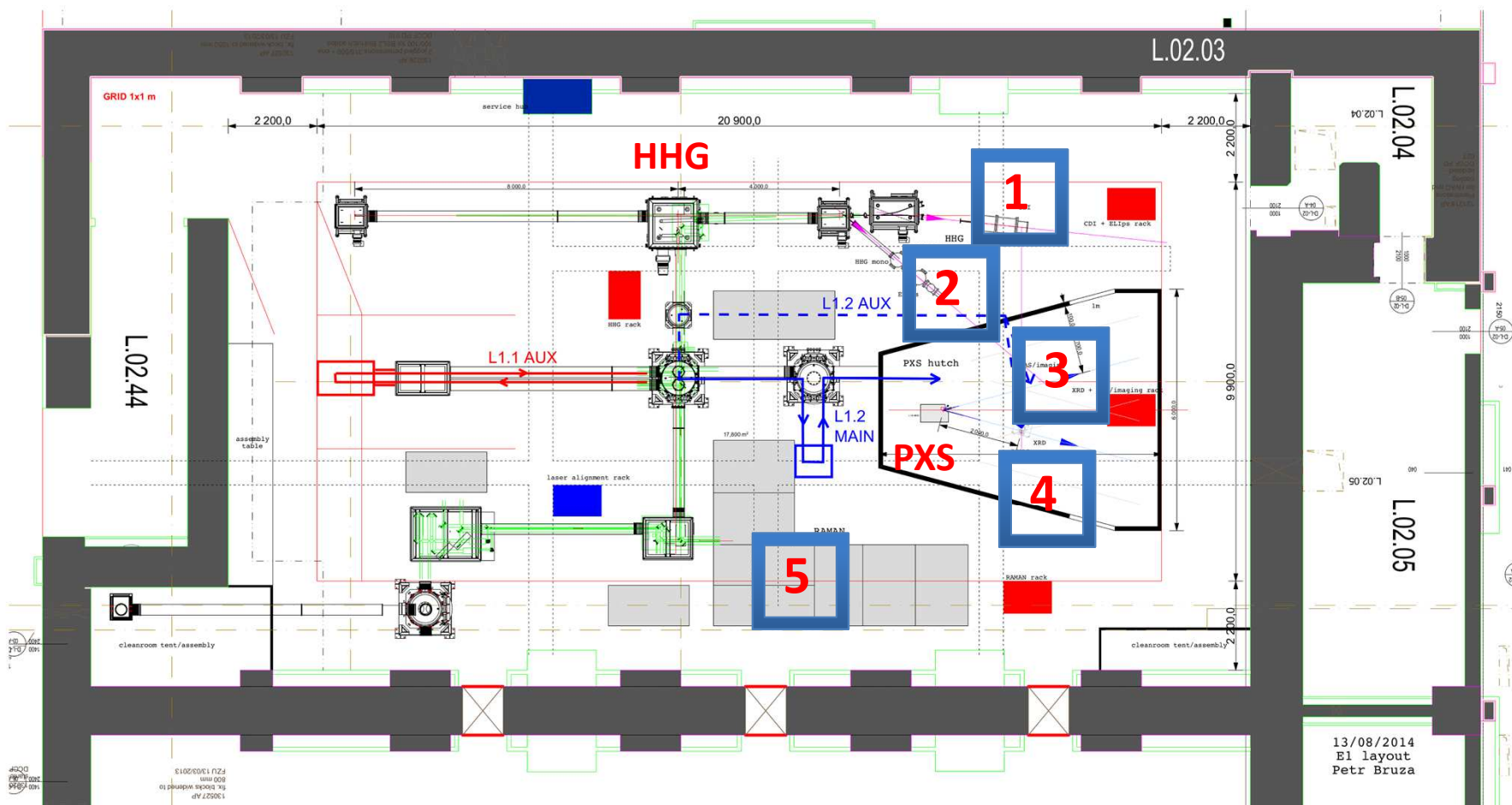
@ the optical spectroscopy stations



# E1 layout, beam distribution and experimental stations

4 beams from the L1 laser allows complex time-resolved experiments

- 2 secondary sources: Higher Harmonics Generation (HHG) for soft X-rays and a Plasma X-ray Source (PXS) for hard X-rays
- 5 Experimental end-stations where experiments are performed



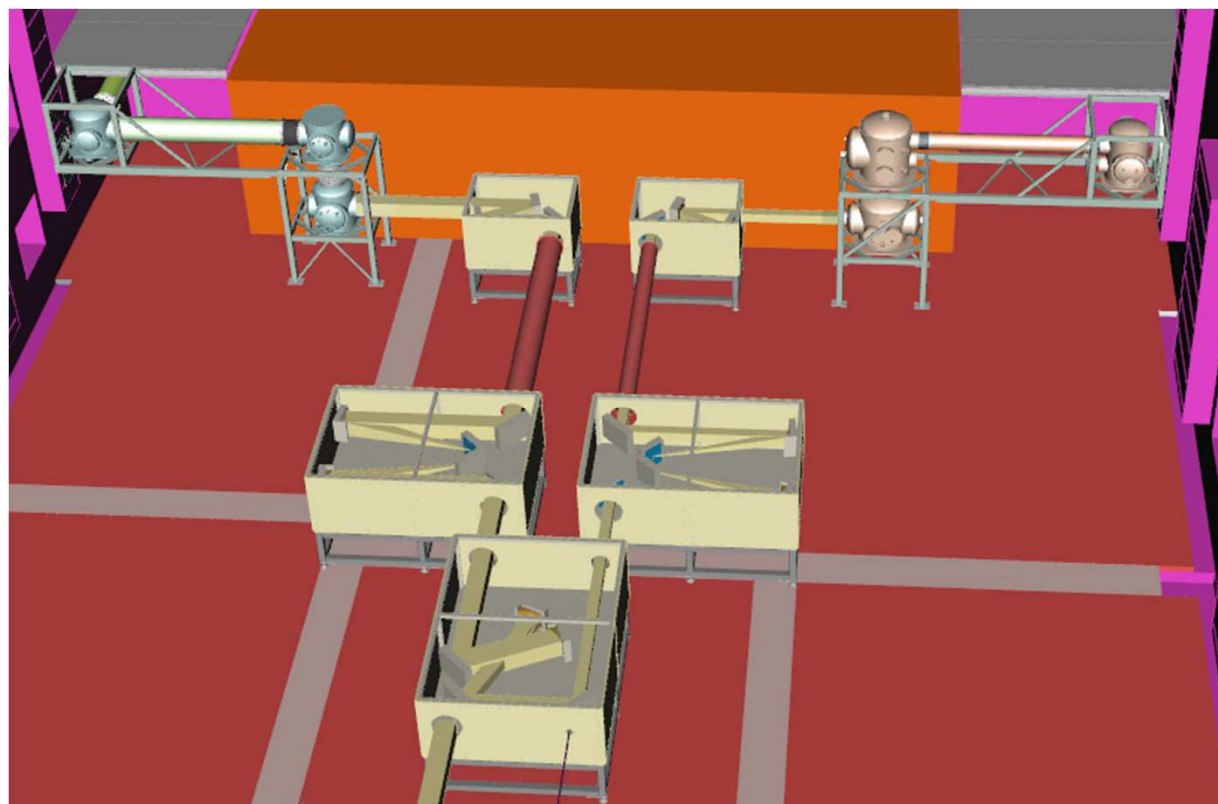




# RP5: Laser plasma and high-energy-density physics, S. Weber

- X-ray diagnostics for E3
- Target chamber design
- Radiation protection in a PW-laser environment
- The ELI Virtual Beamline
- Laser-plasma interaction for shock-ignition approach to ICF
- Amplification of short light pulses
- WDM investigations
- Laboratory Astrophysics
- Proton and X-ray plasma radiography....

Plasma Physics Target Area (E3)





# Fundamental intensity dependent regimes of interaction

Amplitude $\left[ a_0 = \frac{eE_0}{m_e c \omega} \right]$	Intensity $\left[ \frac{W}{cm^2} \right]$	Regime
$a_{QED} = \frac{m_e c^2}{\hbar \omega}$	$2.4 \times 10^{29}$	$e^+, e^-$ in vacuum
$a_{QM} = \frac{2e^2 m_e c}{3\hbar^2 \omega}$	$5.6 \times 10^{24}$	quantum effects
$a_p = \frac{m_p}{m_e}$	$1.3 \times 10^{24}$	ultra - relativistic p
$a_{rad} = \left( \frac{3\lambda}{4\pi r_e} \right)^{1/3}$	$1 \times 10^{23}$	radiation damping
$a_{rel} = 1$	$1.3 \times 10^{18}$	relativistic $e^-$

$$e\lambda E_{rel} = m_e c^2$$

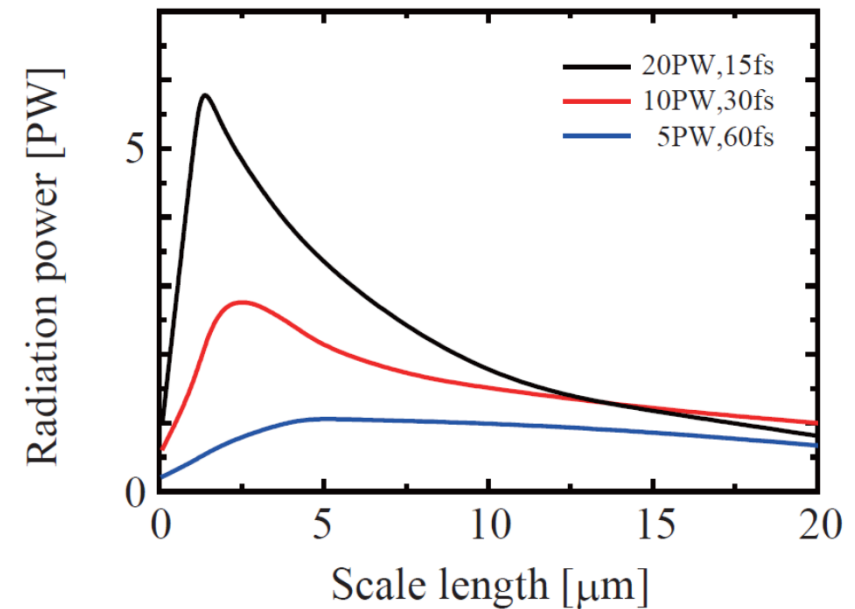
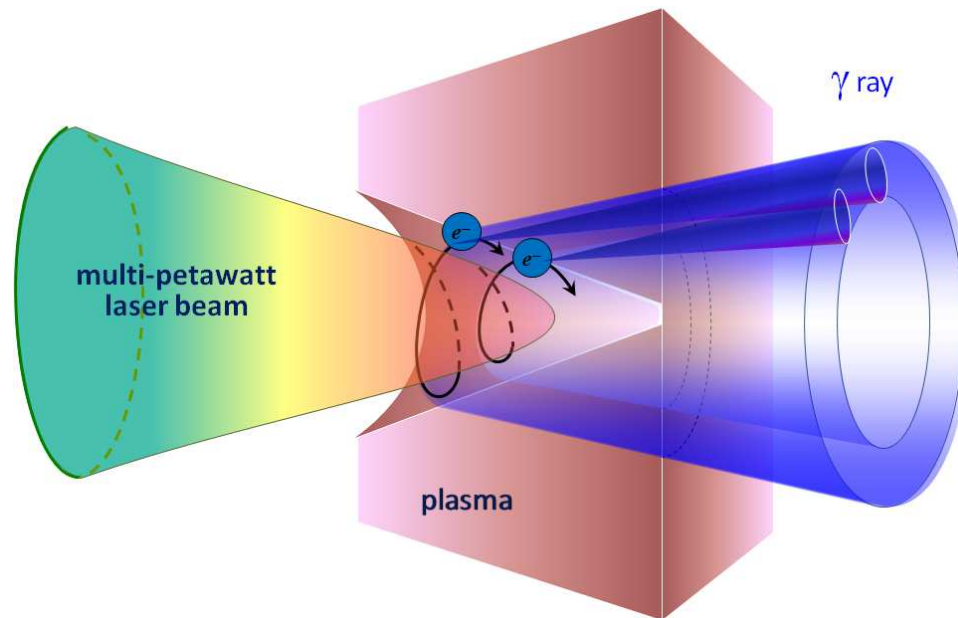
$$e\lambda E_{ultrarel} = m_p c^2$$

$$e\lambda_{comp} E_{rel} = m_e c^2$$

$$\lambda_{comp} (electron) = 2.4 \times 10^{-6} \mu m$$

$$E_0 [V/cm] = 19 \sqrt{I [W/cm^2]}$$

# Concept of high power gamma-flash generation



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## High-Power $\gamma$ -Ray Flash Generation in Ultraintense Laser-Plasma Interactions

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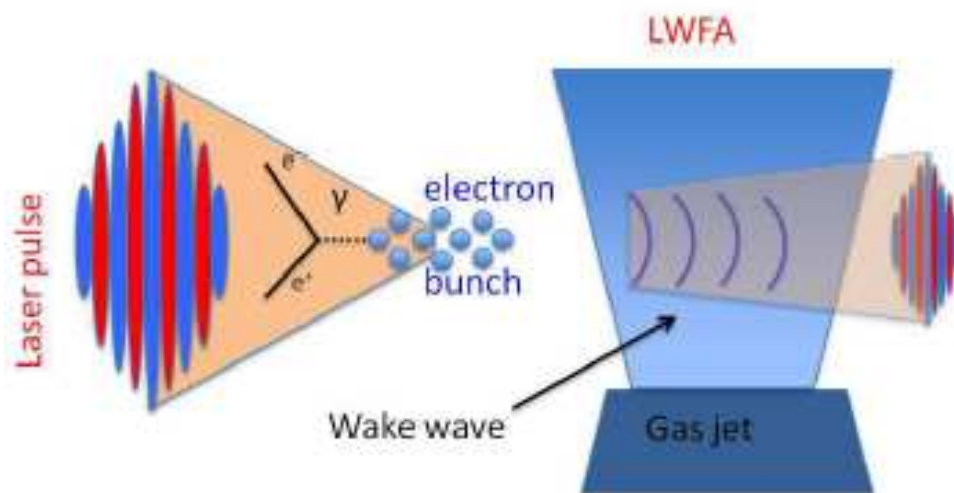
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# Laser-induced Nonlinear QED

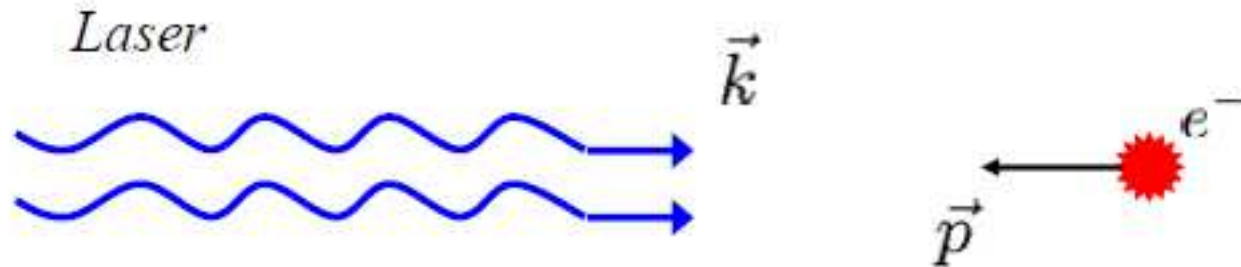
Quantum description is necessary when the recoil due to photon emission is of the order of the electron energy  $\rightarrow 10^{21} \text{ Wcm}^{-2}$  for 10 GeV electrons



*Stepan Bulanov et al, AAC 2012*

# Laser-induced nonlinear QED

For head-on collision at laboratory reference frame:



$$E_R = E_L \sqrt{\frac{1+v/c}{1-v/c}}, \quad v = pc/\varepsilon \quad \text{- electron velocity}$$

for ultrarelativistic particle  $1 - v/c \ll 1$ , or

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}} = \varepsilon/mc^2 \gg 1 \quad E_R \approx 2\gamma E_L$$

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# «Virtual» ELIMAIA...

