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Extreme Light Infrastructure – Nuclear Physics (ELI-NP)



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Lasers Plasma Optoelectronics Material Physics Theoretical Physics Particle Physics

954 m

rail/road

BUCHAREST







Laser-Acceleration of Electrons



Nature 431 (Sept. 2004): 3 groups report on laser acceleration of (low-emittance) electron beams with (quasi-monochromatic) 70-200 MeV rapidly expanding field : since 2000 : >150 x PRL > 10 x Nature

Today ~3 GeV electrons



Laser-Ion Acceleration Target Normal Sheath Acceleration (TNSA)



- electron acceleration
- hot (MeV) electrons penetrate the (µm) foil
- quasi-static field forms normal to target surface

use thick (metallic) foil targets (~μm)

proton source: CH contamination on foil surfaces (typically ~50Å) ion source: foil bulk material

space charge field:
E ~ T_{hot}/λ_{Debye} ~ MeV/μm = 10¹² V/m

conversion efficiency: (from laser to ions)

$$E_{\rm ion} \propto \sqrt{I_{Laser}}$$



Laser-Ion Acceleration Radiation Pressure Acceleration RPA

thin targets (~ nm thick diamond-like carbon foils)



Electrons and ions accelerated

at solid state densities 10²⁴e cm⁻³ **never**

reached before

(Classical beam densities $10^{8}e \text{ cm}^{-3}$) on very short distance (µm-mm)

Energy reached equal to a 400m up-to-date accelerator (reduction of scale of 10⁹)



ELI-NP Project

300 M € 2013-2018

Large equipment:

• High power laser system, 2 x 10PW maximum power (2013-2018)

Thales Optronique SA and SC Thales System Romania (~65 $M \in$)

• High intensity gamma beam system (2014-2018)

European Consortium EuroGammaS led by INFN Rome (~65 M€):

INFN (Italy), University "La Sapienza" Rome (Italy), CNRS (France), ALSYOM (France), ACP Systems S.A.S.U. (France), COMEB Srl (Italy), ScandiNova Systems (Sweden)

Subcontractors: MENLO SYSTEMS GmbH, RI Research Instruments GmbH(Germany), DANFYSIK (Denmark), STFC(UK), Instrumentation Technology, Cosylab D.D. (Slovenia), M+W SrL (Italy), CELLS(Portugal), Amplitude Technologies (France)

Experiments:

8 experimental areas, for gamma, laser, and gamma+laser

Buildings (2013-2015) : 33000sqm total – *STRABAG* (~65*M* \in)



ELI–NP High Power Laser System









ELI-NP Gamma beam production



 $E_e = 720 \text{ MeV} \implies \gamma_e \sim 700 \implies E_\gamma \sim 20 \text{ MeV}$

but very weak cross section: 6.6 10⁻²⁵ cm²

Therefore for a powerful γ beam, one needs:

- high intensity electron beams
- very brilliant optical photon beams
- very small collision volume
- very high repetition frequency



ELI–NP Gamma Beam System





Gamma Beam System





Gamma Beam System – Layout



Buildings, 33000 m² total

GBS

- HPLS 2000 m²
- GBS
- Workshops and Laboratories
- Experiments 7000 m²
- Office Building
- Guest House

2X10 PW Lasers

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ELI–NP Experiment Building

E6 10PW

E7,2X10PV

E1 10PW

E5 1PW @ 1 Hz E4 0.1PW @ 10 Hz

E3 Positron

source

E2,NRF

Experiments 8 experimental areas

> E8,Gamma **Nuclear reactions**

> > E7,QED High field gamma + electrons

HP Lasers

7000 m²



ELI-Nuclear Physics

Scientific program:

- Nuclear Physics experiments to characterize laser target int.
- Photonuclear reactions
- Exotic Nuclear Physics and astrophysics
- Applied Research



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Nuclear isomer spectroscopy



γ-ray spectra



D.L. Balabanski, Osaka



Appl Phys B (2011) 103: 471–484 DOI 10.1007/s00340-010-4261-x

 $F_L + F_L \rightarrow \langle ^AZ \rangle \approx {}^{192}Re$

Introducing the fise a laser-accelerated towards the N = 1

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E1 Interaction Chamber (under construction)

- Shape: Rectangular
- Material: aluminium
- \succ Volume: 3 \times 4 \times 2 (=24) m³
- > Vacuum:

Nuclear Physics

- **10⁻⁶ mbar (empty chamber)**
- Pump-down to 5x10⁻⁶ mbar: 45 min.
- Multiple flanges and ports
- Isolation of optical table
- Removable roof and





Access on top for target exchange system

- Internal crane for heavy equipment (mirrors) manipulation
- Door for access inside through a cleanroom attached to the chamber
 - (not shown)



Nuclear Photonics

Electromagnetic dipole response of nuclei

Nuclear structure

Modes of excitation below the Giant Dipole Resonance (GDR)

Impact on nucleosynthesis

Gamow window for photo-induced reactions in explosive stellar events

Understanding exotic nuclei

• E1 strength will be shifted to lower energies in neutron rich system



ELIADE array





Astrophysics

- s Process: (γ, n) reactions
- p process (γ, p) and (γ, α) Reactions
- r process: N=126, bottleneck for understanding nucleosynthesis of actinides





Potential Nuclear Photonics Applications





Radioisotopes for medical use

- New approaches and methods for producing radioisotopes urgently needed
- Mo-99 and other medical isotopes used globally for diagnostic medical imaging and radiotherapy
- ¹⁹⁵mPt: In chemotherapy of tumors it can be used to exclude "non responding" patients from unnecessary chemotherapy and optimizing the dose of all chemotherapy





Materials Science and Engineering

- study of materials on the nano- and femto-scales
- novel experimental studies of material behavior thanks to extreme fields intensity provided by the laser and gamma-ray beams
- understand, at the atomic scale, the behavior of materials subject to extreme radiation doses and mechanical stress
- polarized positron beam new microscopy





Human Resources





ELI-NP Industrial Forum

Body promoting relationships, for mutual benefits, with local and foreign companies

- Consulting in elaborating the TDRs for experiments and auxiliary equipment
- Promotion of contractual research, technology transfer, etc.
- Consulting services provided by ELI-NP experts
- Creation of a cluster of high-tech companies in Magurele

"Măgurele High Tech Cluster"



ELI-NP Academic Forum

- to secure the fulfillment of ELI-NP needs in terms of PhD students, junior researchers, engineers, and technicians (training programs, specific MSc and PhD programs, etc.);
- to assure the education of engineers for the companies part of the high-tech cluster at Magurele;
- to support the ELI-NP Project in the achievement of its objectives in terms of scientific excellence;





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