



D R A F T
Conceptual Design Report
for a European Research Infrastructure
“European Plasma Research Accelerator
with Excellence in Applications”
(EuPRAXIA)

This document provides the conceptual design report for the worldwide first 5 GeV plasma-based accelerator with industrial beam quality and user areas. A consortium of 16 laboratories and universities from 5 EU member states has prepared this proposal. 16 associated partners from 8 countries joined with in-kind commitments and contributed to this report. The scientists involved represent world-class expertise from accelerator operation for photon science and HEP, design and construction of leading accelerators like LHC and Soleil, advanced acceleration test facilities like SPARC and frontier laser projects like CLF, CILEX-APOLLON and ELI. EuPRAXIA is the required intermediate step between proof-of-principle experiments and ground-breaking, ultra-compact accelerators for science, industry, medicine or the energy frontier (“plasma linear collider”). The presented design includes innovative concepts and cutting edge components from the fields of accelerator technology, high power lasers, plasma sources, diagnostics, digital feedbacks, as well as latest detector and users equipment. Industry has been involved in the design work and will be the supplier of the required high tech equipment. A European implementation model is being proposed with distributed construction of components and installation at one central site. Several possible sites in Europe have been studied and cost estimates have been worked out. EuPRAXIA is designed to make optimal use of past investments in European scientific infrastructure and will develop these investments into ground-breaking applications for multiple fields. EuPRAXIA will support or establish international technological and scientific leadership for novel accelerators and their applications.

This conceptual design report provides the decision makers in Europe with the required information for a decision on the construction of such a highly innovative research infrastructure for European science, industry and society.

Funded by the European Union as a Design Study in the Horizon2020 Program
under Grant Agreement No. 653782 (EuPRAXIA)

1 List of Authors and Contributors

List of all persons who have actively contributed input and/or text to the CDR. We include authors from partners and associated partners at same level.

Contents

1 List of Authors and Contributors	2
2 Executive summary.....	6
3 Introduction	6
4 Objectives and scientific concept.....	6
4.1 Science and technology goals.....	6
4.1.1 Flagship goals	6
4.1.2 Added value	6
4.1.3 Scientific background	6
4.2 Facility general description.....	6
4.2.1 Performance goals	6
4.2.2 Overall facility layout and major parts.....	6
4.2.3 Tables of parameters and technical data.....	6
4.2.4 Overview power technology: Laser, klystrons, beams	7
4.2.5 Overview electron accelerator.....	7
4.2.6 Overview auxiliary accelerator systems.....	7
4.2.7 Overview diagnostics and instrumentation.....	7
4.2.8 Overview FEL user area.....	7
4.2.9 Overview HEP user area.....	7
4.2.10 Overview user area for other applications	7
4.2.11 Overview accelerator R&D plans and possibilities.....	7
4.2.12 EuPRAXIA operational model.....	7
4.2.13 Environmental impact.....	7
4.2.14 Safety aspects.....	7
4.3 Need for external users/access.....	7
4.3.1 Description of users and their fields	7
4.3.2 User needs and possibilities	7
4.3.3 Conditions for user access	7
4.3.4 User facility modes and organization	7
4.4 Impact assessment.....	8
4.4.1 Strategic significance for European science.....	8
4.4.2 Impact on European industry	8
4.4.3 Consistency with the scientific strategy of research areas	8
4.4.4 Competition and world-wide context.....	8
4.4.5 Long-term future accelerator roadmap	8
4.4.6 EuPRAXIA role for long-term future accelerator roadmap	8
5 Site studies	8
5.1 Introduction and common assumptions.....	8
5.2 Site A	8
5.2.1 General description	8
5.2.2 Layout	8
5.2.3 Special aspects and conditions	8
5.2.4 Particular strengths.....	8
5.2.5 Impact on cost and resources	8
5.3 Site B	8
5.3.1 General description	8
5.3.2 Layout	8
5.3.3 Special aspects and conditions	8
5.3.4 Particular strengths.....	8
5.3.5 Impact on cost and resources	8
5.4 Site C.....	9
5.4.1 General description	9
5.4.2 Layout	9

5.4.3	Special aspects and conditions	9
5.4.4	Particular strengths.....	9
5.4.5	Impact on cost and resources	9
5.5	Site D	9
5.5.1	General description	9
5.5.2	Layout	9
5.5.3	Special aspects and conditions	9
5.5.4	Particular strengths.....	9
5.5.5	Impact on cost and resources	9
6	Project organization and implementation	9
6.1.1	Structure and governing model.....	9
6.1.2	Facilities and capacities from EuPRAXIA participants	9
6.1.3	Project schedule.....	9
6.1.4	Users and their domains	10
6.1.5	Safety organization.....	10
6.1.6	Quality assurance	10
6.1.7	Proposed financial model	10
6.1.8	Outreach and communication.....	10
7	Resource plan / Financial plan	10
7.1	Personnel during construction	10
7.2	Investment costs.....	10
7.3	Operation costs	10
7.3.1	Personnel (FTE), personnel costs, consumables, annual investments	10
7.3.2	Running costs (building, facility).....	10
7.3.3	Funding structure (financing of the operational costs)	10
8	Additional information and statements from reviews.....	10
8.1	Outreach and public response.....	10
8.2	Review 1	10
8.3	Review 2	10
9	Physics and Simulations.....	11
9.1	Introduction	11
9.2	Assumptions and numerical models used	11
9.3	Interfaces laser beam optics, electron beam optics and plasma modules	11
9.4	Beam transport to FEL and HEP beam areas.....	11
9.5	Predicted performance and final tolerance analysis	11
10	High Gradient Plasma Accelerator Structure	11
10.1	Introduction	11
10.2	Design of plasma structure for injector and accelerator	11
10.3	Implementation in vacuum chambers	11
10.4	Associated on-line diagnostics.....	11
11	Laser Design and Optimization.....	11
11.1	Introduction	11
11.2	Survey and benchmarking of existing technology.....	11
11.3	Comparison with the requirements.....	11
11.4	Laser Design	11
11.5	Design of transverse functions	11
11.6	Control Command system design	11
12	Electron Beam Design and Optimization	12
12.1	Introduction	12
12.2	Design of the photo-injector	12
12.3	Beam handling.....	12
12.4	Collimation and beam shaping	12

13 FEL Pilot Application	12
13.1 Introduction	12
13.2 State-of-the-art short period undulators	12
13.3 Models and scaling laws for Plasma FEL dynamics	12
13.4 Diagnostics requirements and technical approaches	12
13.5 Specific magnetic elements.....	12
13.6 Requirements from scientific user workshop.....	12
14 High Energy Physics and Other Pilot Applications	12
14.1 Introduction	12
14.2 User requirements and needs.....	12
14.3 Application survey and basic feasibility assessment	12
14.4 Design for beamline and experimental area	12
15 Alternative Electron Beam Driven Plasma Accelerator Structure	13
15.1 Introduction	13
15.2 Electron beam optics	13
15.3 Plasma modules and diagnostics	13
15.4 Beam transport to both applications	13
15.5 Staging analysis	13
15.6 Tolerance analysis	13
16 Use of Other Novel technologies.....	13
16.1 Introduction	13
16.2 Possible alternative injector concepts.....	13
16.3 Acceleration in dielectric structures	13
16.4 State of the art in fibre optics lasers	13
16.5 Accelerator based on dielectric structures	13
17 FEL Application prototyping.....	13
17.1 Introduction	13
17.2 Best approach for plasma-based FEL from experiments	13
17.3 Lessons learn on FEL feasibility	13
18 Accelerator Prototyping and Experiments at Test Facilities	14
18.1 Introduction	14
18.2 Overview on test facilities	14
18.3 Highlights from prototyping and experiments at test facilities	14
19 Alternative Radiation Generation	14
19.1 Introduction	14
19.2 New schemes for electron injection.....	14
19.3 Novel electron beams and radiation sources	14
19.4 Advanced diagnostic systems for beams and radiation	14
20 Hybrid Laser Electron Beam Driven Acceleration	14
20.1 Introduction	14
20.2 Design of an optimized plasma ionization module	14
20.3 Underdense plasma photocathode.....	14
20.4 Wakefield ionization and trapping requirement.....	14
20.5 Optimized LWFA-source for PWFA-driver electron bunches	14
21 References.....	15
22 List of Institutes and Principal Investigators	15
23 Annex	15
23.1 Description of facilities at involved partners.....	15
23.2 Press Articles.....	15

2 Executive summary

3 Introduction

4 Objectives and scientific concept

4.1 Science and technology goals

4.1.1 Flagship goals

4.1.2 Added value

4.1.3 Scientific background

4.2 Facility general description

4.2.1 Performance goals

4.2.2 Overall facility layout and major parts

→ reference person for central data management: Andreas Walker

4.2.3 Tables of parameters and technical data

→ reference person for central data management: Andreas Walker

4.2.4 Overview power technology: Laser, klystrons, beams

4.2.5 Overview electron accelerator

4.2.6 Overview auxiliary accelerator systems

4.2.7 Overview diagnostics and instrumentation

4.2.8 Overview FEL user area

4.2.9 Overview HEP user area

4.2.10 Overview user area for other applications

4.2.11 Overview accelerator R&D plans and possibilities

4.2.12 EuPRAXIA operational model

4.2.13 Environmental impact

4.2.14 Safety aspects

4.2.14.1 Overall safety

4.2.14.2 Laser

4.2.14.3 Beam

4.2.14.4 Radiation

4.2.14.5 User Areas

4.2.15 Project Risk Assessment

4.3 Need for external users/access

4.3.1 Description of users and their fields

4.3.2 User needs and possibilities

4.3.3 Conditions for user access

4.3.4 User facility modes and organization

4.4 Impact assessment

- 4.4.1 Strategic significance for European science**
- 4.4.2 Impact on European industry**
- 4.4.3 Consistency with the scientific strategy of research areas**
- 4.4.4 Competition and world-wide context**
- 4.4.5 Long-term future accelerator roadmap**
- 4.4.6 EuPRAXIA role for long-term future accelerator roadmap**

5 Site studies

5.1 Introduction and common assumptions

5.2 Site A

→ reference person for central data management: Andreas Walker

- 5.2.1 General description**
- 5.2.2 Layout**
- 5.2.3 Special aspects and conditions**
- 5.2.4 Particular strengths**
- 5.2.5 Impact on cost and resources**
- 5.2.6 Impact on planning**

5.3 Site B

- 5.3.1 General description**
- 5.3.2 Layout**
- 5.3.3 Special aspects and conditions**
- 5.3.4 Particular strengths**
- 5.3.5 Impact on cost and resources**
- 5.3.6 Impact on planning**

5.4 Site C

- 5.4.1 General description**
- 5.4.2 Layout**
- 5.4.3 Special aspects and conditions**
- 5.4.4 Particular strengths**
- 5.4.5 Impact on cost and resources**
- 5.4.6 Impact on planning**

5.5 Site D

- 5.5.1 General description**
- 5.5.2 Layout**
- 5.5.3 Special aspects and conditions**
- 5.5.4 Particular strengths**
- 5.5.5 Impact on cost and resources**
- 5.5.6 Impact on planning**

6 Project organization and implementation

- 6.1.1 Structure and governing model**
- 6.1.2 Facilities and capacities from EuPRAXIA participants**
- 6.1.3 Project schedule**
→ reference person for central data management: Andreas Walker

- 6.1.4 Users and their domains**
- 6.1.5 Support from lab for facility and users**
- 6.1.6 Safety organization**
- 6.1.7 Quality assurance**
- 6.1.8 Proposed financial model**
- 6.1.9 Outreach and communication**

7 Resource plan / Financial plan

→ reference person for central data management: Andreas Walker

7.1 Personnel during construction

7.2 Investment costs

7.3 Operation costs

7.3.1 Personnel (FTE), personnel costs, consumables, annual investments

7.3.2 Running costs (building, facility)

7.3.3 Funding structure (financing of the operational costs)

8 Additional information and statements from reviews

8.1 Outreach and public response

8.2 Review 1

8.3 Review 2

9 Physics and Simulations

WP2

9.1 *Introduction*

9.2 *Assumptions and numerical models used*

9.3 *Interfaces laser beam optics, electron beam optics and plasma modules*

9.4 *Beam transport to FEL and HEP beam areas*

9.5 *Predicted performance and final tolerance analysis*

10 High Gradient Plasma Accelerator Structure

WP3

10.1 *Introduction*

10.2 *Design of plasma structure for injector and accelerator*

10.3 *Implementation in vacuum chambers*

10.4 *Associated on-line diagnostics*

11 Laser Design and Optimization

WP4

11.1 *Introduction*

11.2 *Survey and benchmarking of existing technology*

11.3 *Comparison with the requirements*

11.4 *Laser Design*

11.5 *Design of transverse functions*

11.6 *Control Command system design*

12 Electron Beam Design and Optimization

WP5

12.1 *Introduction*

12.2 *Design of the photo-injector*

12.3 *Beam handling*

Includes measurement, correction, feedback?
Up- and downstream of plasma?

12.4 *Collimation and beam shaping*

Done by WP or done by DESY

13 FEL Pilot Application

WP6

13.1 *Introduction*

13.2 *State-of-the-art short period undulators*

as a basis for the study of the FEL cases

13.3 *Models and scaling laws for Plasma FEL dynamics*

including comparison with GENESIS simulations

13.4 *Diagnostics requirements and technical approaches*

13.5 *Specific magnetic elements*

13.6 *Requirements from scientific user workshop*

14 High Energy Physics and Other Pilot Applications

WP7

14.1 *Introduction*

14.2 *User requirements and needs*

14.3 *Application survey and basic feasibility assessment*

14.4 *Design for beamline and experimental area*

15 Alternative Electron Beam Driven Plasma Accelerator Structure

WP9

15.1 Introduction

15.2 Electron beam optics

15.3 Plasma modules and diagnostics

15.4 Beam transport to both applications

15.5 Staging analysis

15.6 Tolerance analysis

16 Use of Other Novel technologies

WP10

16.1 Introduction

16.2 Possible alternative injector concepts

including an analysis of the compatibility with the project requirements

16.3 Acceleration in dielectric structures

Simulation and experimental studies

16.4 State of the art in fibre optics lasers

16.5 Accelerator based on dielectric structures

analysing achievable beam parameters

17 FEL Application prototyping

WP11

17.1 Introduction

17.2 Best approach for plasma-based FEL from experiments

17.3 Lessons learn on FEL feasibility

18 Accelerator Prototyping and Experiments at Test Facilities

WP12

18.1 Introduction

18.2 Overview on test facilities

18.3 Highlights from prototyping and experiments at test facilities

19 Alternative Radiation Generation

WP13

19.1 Introduction

19.2 New schemes for electron injection

19.3 Novel electron beams and radiation sources

19.4 Advanced diagnostic systems for beams and radiation

20 Hybrid Laser Electron Beam Driven Acceleration

WP14

20.1 Introduction

20.2 Design of an optimized plasma ionization module

20.3 Underdense plasma photocathode

20.4 Wakefield ionization and trapping requirement

20.5 Optimized LWFA-source for PWFA-driver electron bunches

21 References

22 List of Institutes and Principal Investigators

23 Annex

23.1 Description of facilities at involved partners

23.2 Press Articles