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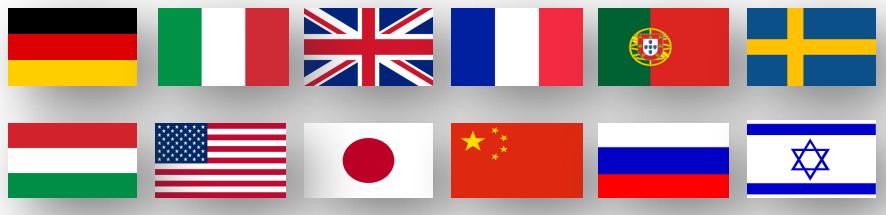


## Eupraxia Laser design optimization and industry

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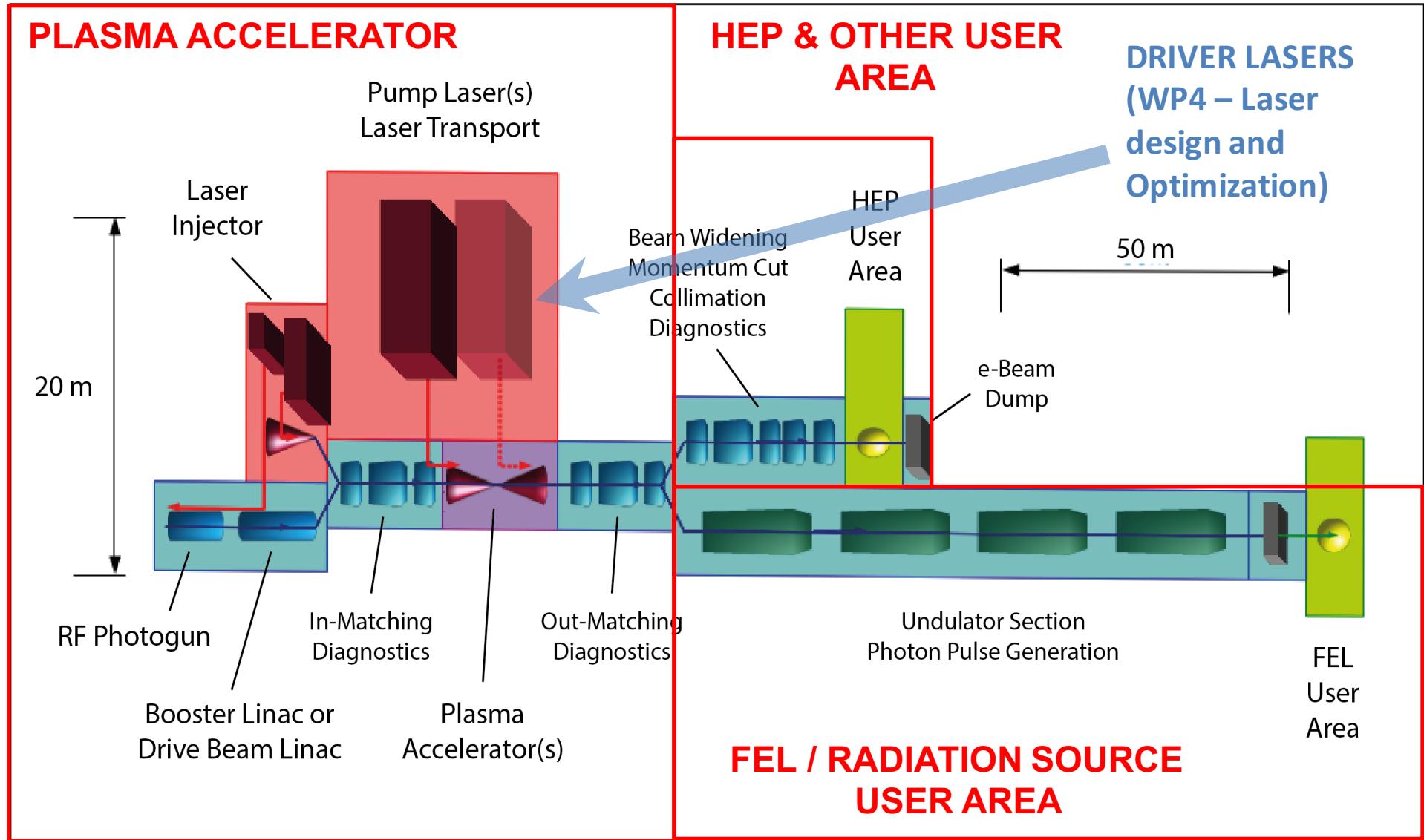
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- An industrial laser for EuPRAXIA?
- Strategy for a rep-rated PW laser
- Technology down-selection criteria
- Preliminary laser design
  - Main candidate components
  - Outstanding issues
- Transport and Interaction point challenges
  - Stability and reproducibility

## D4.1 (M12) Benchmarking of existing technologies and comparison with EuPraxia requirements

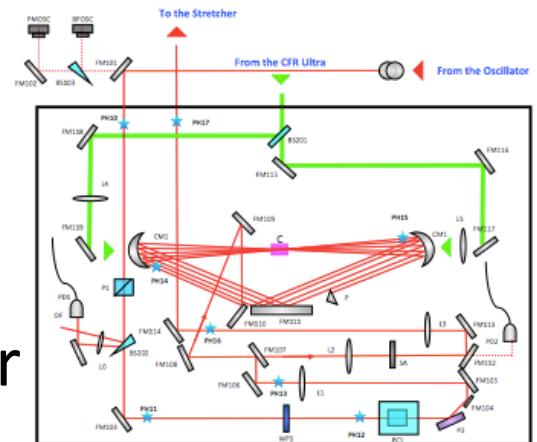
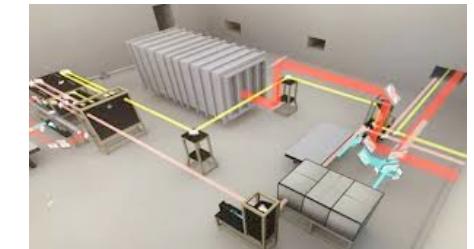
*Explore and identify promising technologies*

## D4.2 (M24) Preliminary laser design

To be developed with an eye to perspective industrial development

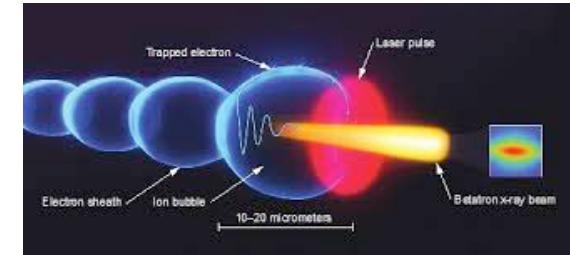
## D4.3 (M24) Preliminary design of transverse functions

To account for final use of EuPRAXIA (user facility)



## D4.4 (M36) Final requirements of laser system

To comfortably accommodate LWFA design and other laser based activities



## D4.5 (M36) Control command design system

To enable turn-key-like operation of the laser system



- World-wide scenario in Petawatt scale laser development is seeing major contributions from industry and research labs involved in challenging projects;
- After a first exploration meeting (Saclay, May 18°, 2016), potential contributors were identified and invited to contribute to the Eupraxia design.



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**Central Laser Facility**

## Starting point:

Laser system requirements emerged in WP 2 [Physics and Simulation](#) (A.Mosnier, L. Silva) and WP3 [High Gradient Laser Plasma Accelerator Structure](#) (B.Cros, Z.Najmudin)

Three main lasers envisaged:

Laser 1 : drive a 150 MeV injector

Laser 2 : drive a 1 GeV accelerator

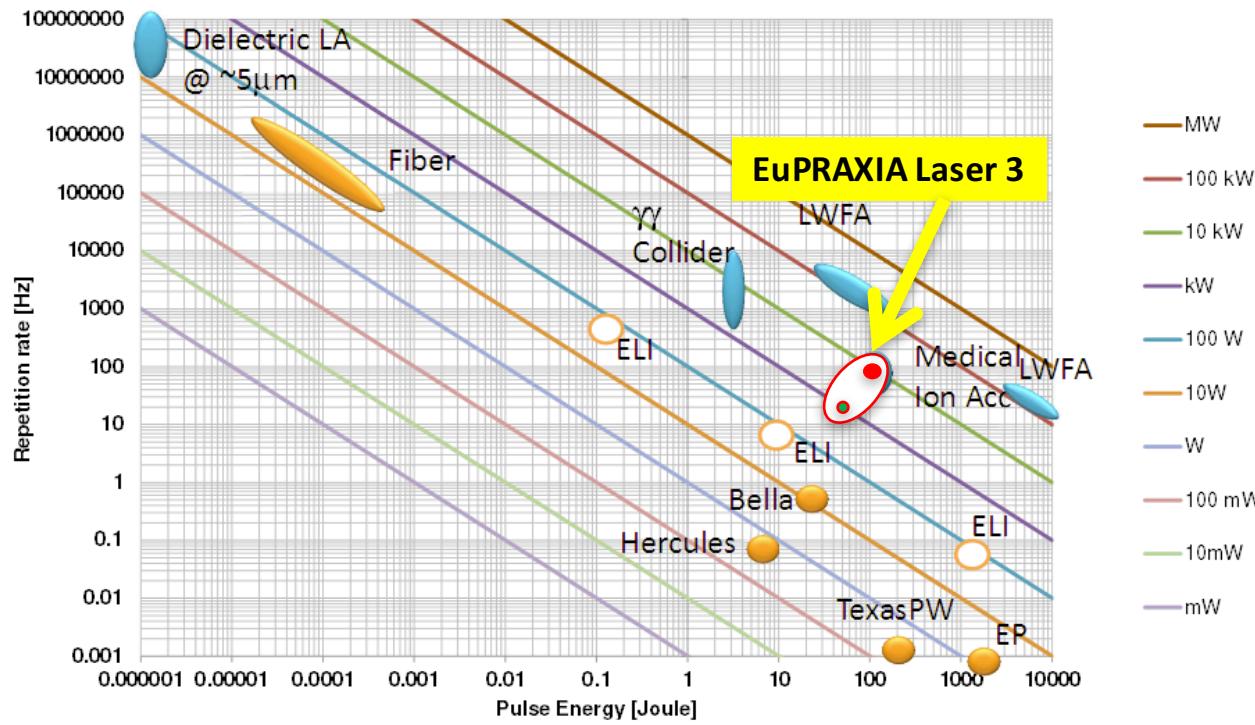
Laser 3 : drive a 5 GeV accelerator

## Strategy:

- Analysis of the available technologies for PW-class lasers,
- Comparison with the requirements of Eupraxia,
- Evaluation of the suitability **for the given time frame for construction (<5 yrs)**

- Discussion about detailed laser parameters and interaction with laser-plasma acceleration workpackages (WP2-3) to identify laser parameters for the most challenging performance (5GeV);
  - Minimum required pulse duration: 60 fs
  - Minimum required pulse energy: 50 J
- High repetition rate to enable active stabilization via feedback loops;
  - Ideally 1kHz, minimum 20 Hz, but exploring 100 Hz option
- Challenging problems in beam transport, focusing, diagnostics: a key part of the reliability of the laser system as a whole;
  - Extensive data acquisition from existing systems needed.

**Produce a credible laser design to meet project specifications for a PW-class system, with **demanding high average power** (>1 kW, ideally 10 kW)**



Major effort required to fill the gap between **existing** and **required** laser technology

## Laser injector 150 MeV (Laser 1)

Parameter	Label	P0*	P1**
<b>Wavelength (nm)</b>	$\lambda_1$ (nm)	800	800
<b>Maximum energy on target (J)</b>	$E_{\text{target}}$	5	7
<b>Energy tuning resolution (% of targeted value)</b>	dE	7	5
<b>Total output energy (incl. Diagnostic beams)</b>	$E_{\text{tot}}$	7	10
<b>Pulse length (FWHM) (fs)</b>	$\tau_1$	30	20
<b>Repetition rate (Hz)</b>	$f_1$	20	100
<b>Contrast at 100 ps</b>	$C_1(100 \text{ ps})$	1,00E+11	1,00E+12
<b>Contrast at 50 ps</b>	$C_1(50 \text{ ps})$	1,00E+10	1,00E+11
<b>Contrast at 10 ps</b>	$C_1(10 \text{ ps})$	1,00E+09	1,00E+10
<b>Contrast at 1 ps</b>	$C_1(1 \text{ ps})$	1,00E+06	1,00E+08
<b>Contrast at 100 fs</b>	$C_1(100 \text{ fs})$	1,00E+02	1,00E+03
<b>Number of beams</b>	$N_1$	1	2
<b>Synchro. to global reference (P-V) (fs)</b>	$\sigma_{\Delta t}$	10	5
<b>Beam intensity distribution (x-y) in focal plane</b>	-	Gaussian	Supergaussian (n=10)
<b>Polarization in focal plane</b>	$P_1$	linear	linear, circular
<b>Max ellipticity of focal spot (Am/AM)</b>		0.8	0,95
<b>Polarization purity (%)</b>		1	1
<b>Requirement on energy stability (RMS) %</b>	$\sigma_{\langle E \rangle}$	5	1
<b>Requirement on focal size &amp; <math>Z_L</math> stab. (RMS) %</b>	$\sigma_{\langle ZL \rangle}$	10	5
<b>Focal spot size stability (on target plane) (RMS) %</b>	$\sigma_{\langle w_0 \rangle}/w_0$	20	10
<b>Pointing stability (RMS) (<math>\mu\text{rad}</math>)</b>	$\sigma_{\langle x' \rangle}, \sigma_{\langle y' \rangle}$	1	1
<b>Required lab room space (m<sup>2</sup>) including technical rooms but no beam transport</b>	$A_1$	100	100

P0\*

This value is mandatory

P1\*\*

This value is a goal that we will try to reach

Laser injector 1 GeV (Laser 2)				
Parameter	Label	P0*	P1**	
<b>Wavelength (nm)</b>	$\lambda_2$ (nm)	800	800	
<b>Maximum energy on target (J)</b>	$E_2$	15	30	
<b>Energy tuning resolution (% of targeted value)</b>	$dE$	7	5	
<b>Shortest pulse length (FWHM) (fs)</b>	$\tau_2$	30	20	
<b>Repetition rate (Hz)</b>	$f_2$	20	100	
<b>Contrast at 100 ps</b>	$C_1(100 \text{ ps})$	1,00E+11	1,00E+12	
<b>Contrast at 50 ps</b>	$C_1(50 \text{ ps})$	1,00E+10	1,00E+11	
<b>Contrast at 10 ps</b>	$C_1(10 \text{ ps})$	1,00E+10	1,00E+10	
<b>Contrast at 1 ps</b>	$C_1(1 \text{ ps})$	1,00E+06	1,00E+08	
<b>Contrast at 100 fs</b>	$C_1(100 \text{ fs})$	1,00E+02	1,00E+03	
<b>Number of beams</b>	$N_2$	1	1	
<b>Synchro. to global reference (P-V) (fs)</b>	$\sigma_{\Delta t}$	10	5	
<b>Beam intensity distribution (x-y) in focal plane</b>	-	Gaussian	Supergaussian (n=10)	
<b>Polarization in focal plane</b>	$P_1$	linear	linear, circular	
<b>Max ellipticity of focal spot (Am/AM)</b>		0.8	0,95	
<b>Polarization purity (%)</b>		1	1	
<b>Requirement on energy stability (RMS) %</b>	$\sigma_{<E>}$	5	1	
<b>Requirement on focal size &amp; <math>Z_L</math> stab. (RMS) %</b>	$\sigma_{<zL>}$	10	5	
<b>Focal spot size stability (on target plane) (RMS) %</b>	$\sigma_{<w_0>}/w_0$	20	10	
<b>Pointing stability (RMS) (<math>\mu\text{rad}</math>)</b>	$\sigma_{<x'>}, \sigma_{<y'>}$	5	1	
<b>Required lab room space (m<sup>2</sup>) including technical rooms but no beam transport</b>	$A_1$	600	400	

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Laser Driver 5 GeV (Laser 3)			
Parameter	Label	P0*	P1**
<b>Wavelength (nm)</b>	$\lambda_2$ (nm)	800	800
<b>Maximum energy on target (J) *</b>	$E_2$	50	100
<b>Energy tuning resolution (% of targeted value)</b>	$dE$	7	5
<b>Shortest pulse length (FWHM) (fs)</b>	$\tau_2$	60	50
<b>Repetition rate (Hz)</b>	$f_2$	20	100
<b>Contrast at 100 ps</b>	$C_1(100\text{ ps})$	1,00E+11	1,00E+12
<b>Contrast at 50 ps</b>	$C_1(50\text{ ps})$	1,00E+10	1,00E+11
<b>Contrast at 10 ps</b>	$C_1(10\text{ ps})$	1,00E+10	1,00E+10
<b>Contrast at 1 ps</b>	$C_1(1\text{ ps})$	1,00E+06	1,00E+08
<b>Contrast at 100 fs</b>	$C_1(100\text{ fs})$	1,00E+02	1,00E+03
<b>Number of beams</b>	$N_2$	1	1
<b>Synchro. to global reference (P-V) (fs)</b>	$\sigma_{\Delta t}$	10	5
<b>Beam intensity distribution (x-y) in focal plane</b>	-	Gaussian	Supergaussian (n=10)
<b>Polarization in focal plane</b>	$P_1$	linear	linear, circular
<b>Max ellipticity of focal spot (Am/AM)</b>		0.8	0,95
<b>Polarization purity (%)</b>		1	1
<b>Requirement on energy stability (RMS) %</b>	$\sigma_{\langle E \rangle}$	5	1
<b>Requirement on focal size &amp; <math>Z_L</math> stab. (RMS) %</b>	$\sigma_{\langle Z_L \rangle}$	10	5
<b>Focal spot size stability (on target plane) (RMS) %</b>	$\sigma_{\langle w_0 \rangle}/w_0$	20	10
<b>Pointing stability (RMS) (<math>\mu</math>rad)</b>	$\sigma_{\langle x' \rangle}, \sigma_{\langle y' \rangle}$	5	1
<b>Required lab room space (m<sup>2</sup>)</b> <b>Including technical rooms but no beam transport</b>	$A_1$	700	500

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## Hold-ups for scalability of current systems include:

- Pumping technology: diode (direct or indirect) pumping;
- Gain media: material should be industrially available at laser quality, scalable in size and capable of supporting large bandwidth and efficient cooling;
- Grating technology to improve for higher damage threshold and smaller beam size
- Optics Damage threshold
- Thermal load, management, dissipation

- TWO POSSIBLE SCENARIOS identified:
  - Medium risk: TiSa with DPSSL pump lasers;
  - High risk: Direct CPA with new materials (required for >100Hz);

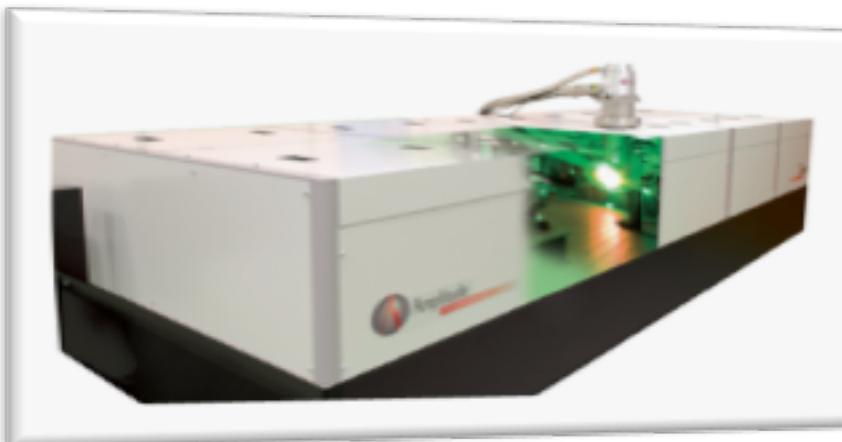
Scenarios matching large programmes at other institutions (e.g. LLNL, LBNL, STFC ...);

## Available subsystems (injector)

**LWFA injector:** required 7J @ 800 nm, 30 fs, 20 Hz (minimum)

May become available at industrial level from different suppliers e.g.:

Amplitude Technologies  
PULSAR: 5 J, <25 fs, 5-10 Hz  
Ti:Sapphire



Thales  
ALPHA5/XS: 20 J, 25 fs, 5 Hz  
Ti:Sapphire



300 mJ, 100 Hz, 25 fs



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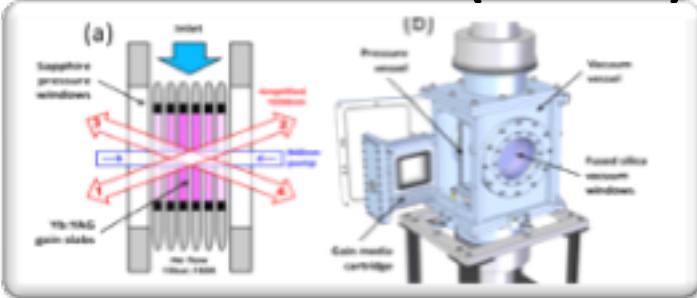


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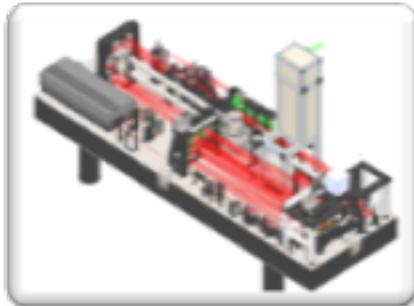
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## STFC DiPOLE 100 (HiLASE)



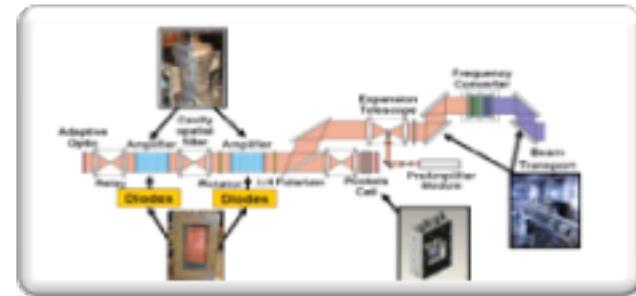
Diode pumped Yb:YAG slab, He-cooled  
**>100 J** output energy demonstrated @ **10 Hz**, 1030 nm  
 > 60 J conversion @ 515 nm expected

## Amplitude P-60 (ELI-ALPS HF)



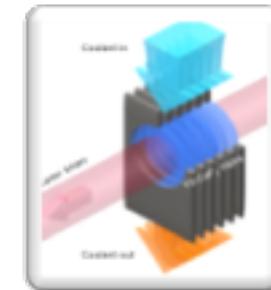
Flashlamp pumped Nd:YAG/ DPSSL possible  
**45 J** output energy demonstrated @ **10 Hz**, 1064 nm  
 60 J SHG energy @ 532 nm : design target  
 Ramping up to 10 Hz, full energy (design limit): in progress

## LLNL HAPLS L3 (ELI-Beamlines)



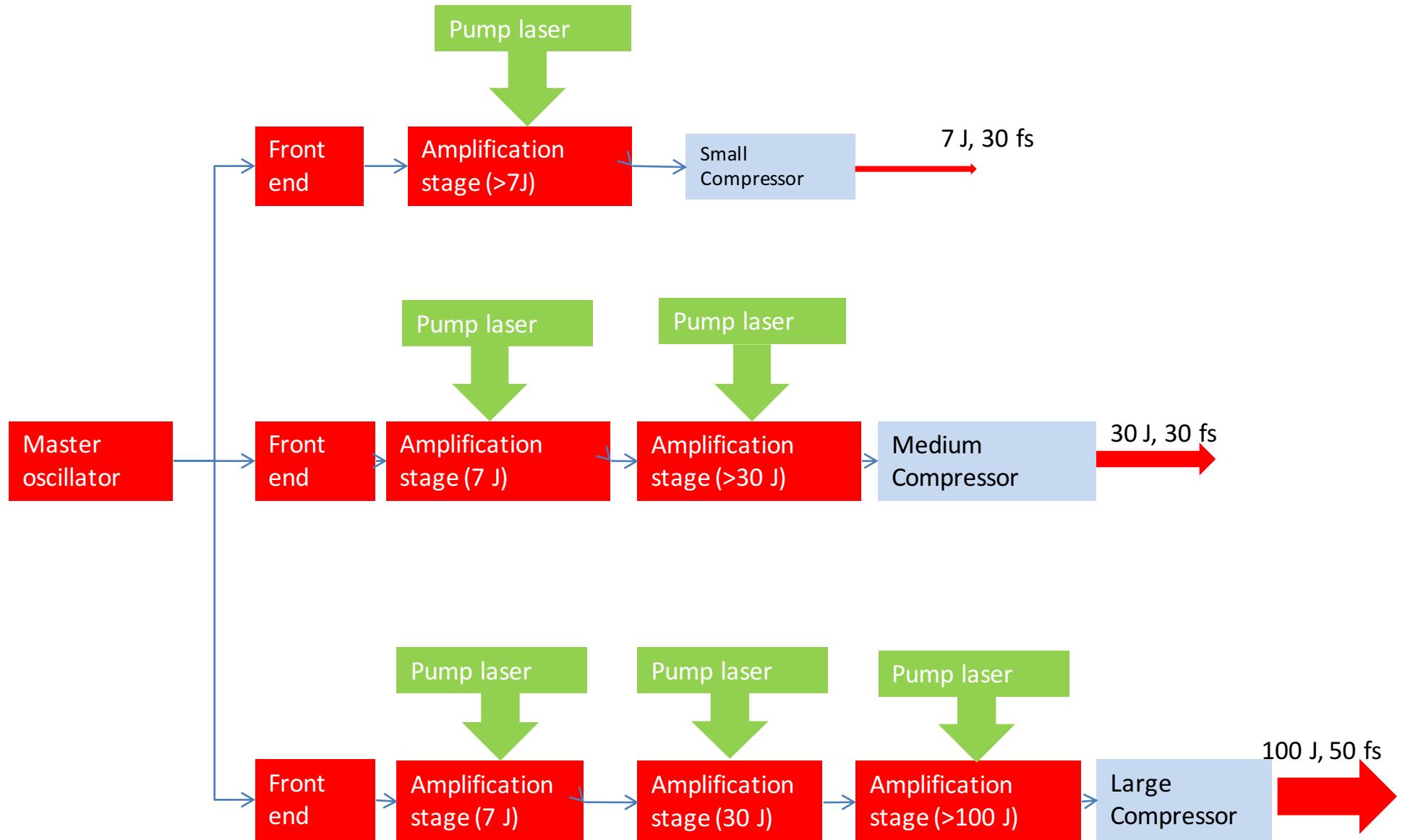
Diode pumped Nd:APG-1 glass, He-cooled  
**75 J** output energy demonstrated @ **3.3 Hz**, 1053 nm  
 45 J SHG energy @ 526.5 nm demonstrated  
 Ramping up to 10 Hz, 200 J (design limit): in progress

## HZDR PEnELOPE



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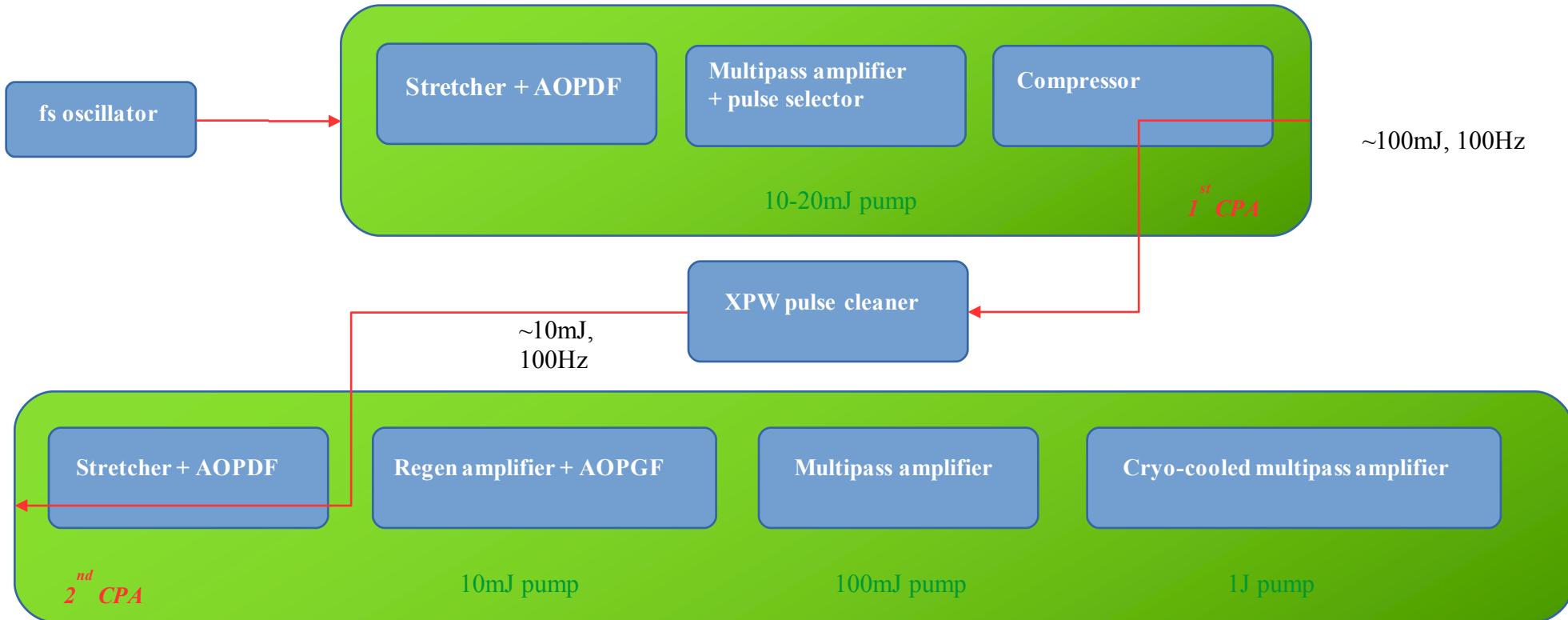
Developed by Dresden Helmholtz Institute  
 Diode-pumped Yb:CaF<sub>2</sub> slabs, He cooled  
**150 J, 150 fs, 1 Hz**, 1030 nm,  
 Expected optical to optical conversion efficiency 5-10% before compression (unsaturated amplification)



# Front-end

100Hz, high contrast ratio ( $>10^{12}$  at ps) front-end (very) preliminary layout

Preliminary scheme: double CPA scheme with XPW pulse cleaning



European companies potentially interested



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LASERS**



**Continuum**  
The High Energy Laser Company™

 **Litron Lasers**

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A set of development activities have been identified to address main issues and proceed towards the construction of a driver for a plasma-based accelerator with the performance and quality as required by EuPRAXIA

- **Driver pulse temporal shaping and synchronization**
- **High repetition rate driver pulse: towards 100 Hz**
- **High repetition rate driver pulse: dpssl pumping**
- **Laser Driver design and test on LPA**
- **Laser Driver stability and active control**

### Collaborating Institutes

IEP: Institute of Electrophysics (IEP), UD RAS, Russia

FBH: Ferdinand-Braun-Institut, Leibniz-Institut für Höchstfrequenztechnik

OX: Oxford University

IOQ: Institut für Optik und Quantenelektronik Jena

UHH: Hamburg University

### Collaborating Industry

Amplitude Technologies

Thales: Thales Lasers

At each compressor we will arrive with an average power of :

- **Injector 150MeV**
  - 1 kW (10J @ 100Hz), needed 25 fs after compression (38nm bandwidth), spectral acceptance required: 120 nm
- **Injector 1GeV**
  - 4 kW (40J @ 100Hz), needed 30-35 fs after compression (32nm bandwidth), spectral acceptance required: 100 nm
- **Accelerator 5GeV**
  - 16 kW (160J @ 100Hz), needed 60 fs after compression (16nm bandwidth), spectral acceptance required: 60 nm

LIDT determines the laser fluence arriving on the compressor:  
**100mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>**. This sets the value of the average intensity reaching the three compressors: **10 W/cm<sup>2</sup>**

## INDUSTRIES and LABS



**Gold Coated Grating  
without epoxy resin** for  
lower thermal stress



**Lawrence Livermore  
National Laboratory**

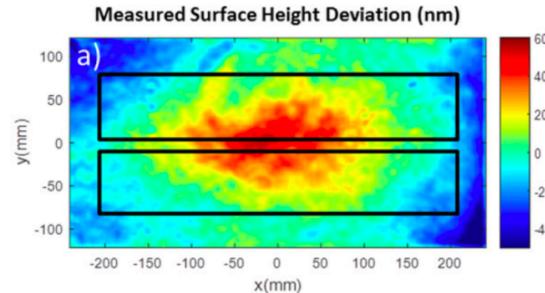
**Photoresist-Free High Average  
Power Compressor Gratings**



Plymouth Grating Laboratory

World record for the largest **MultiLayer  
Dielectric (MLD) diffraction grating**

Work in progress at DESY (V. Leroux, WG7)



D.A. Alessi et al., Opt. Express  
**24**, 30015-30023 (2016)

High beam quality and pointing stability,  
optomechanics, mirrors, actuators



Active stabilization

## Passive stabilization

In contact with an industry whose action is  
to stabilize optic mountings in a  
“definitive” way.



**Adaptive Optics**  
ILAO deformable mirror  
+  
HASO wavefront sensor

Close loop that allows for active (but  
also passive) correction of the beam  
spatial profile.

... and many more

- EuPRAXIA design study progressing rapidly;
- Mandatory laser specs set highly demanding kW system;
- Aiming at Ti:Sa with DPSSL pump lasers;
- Current DPSSL pump systems exceeding kW;
- Major effort required to meet focusing stability;
- Building on the experience of current PW facilities;
- Strong involvement of European industry and labs.

## 16 Participants



## 22 Associated Partners

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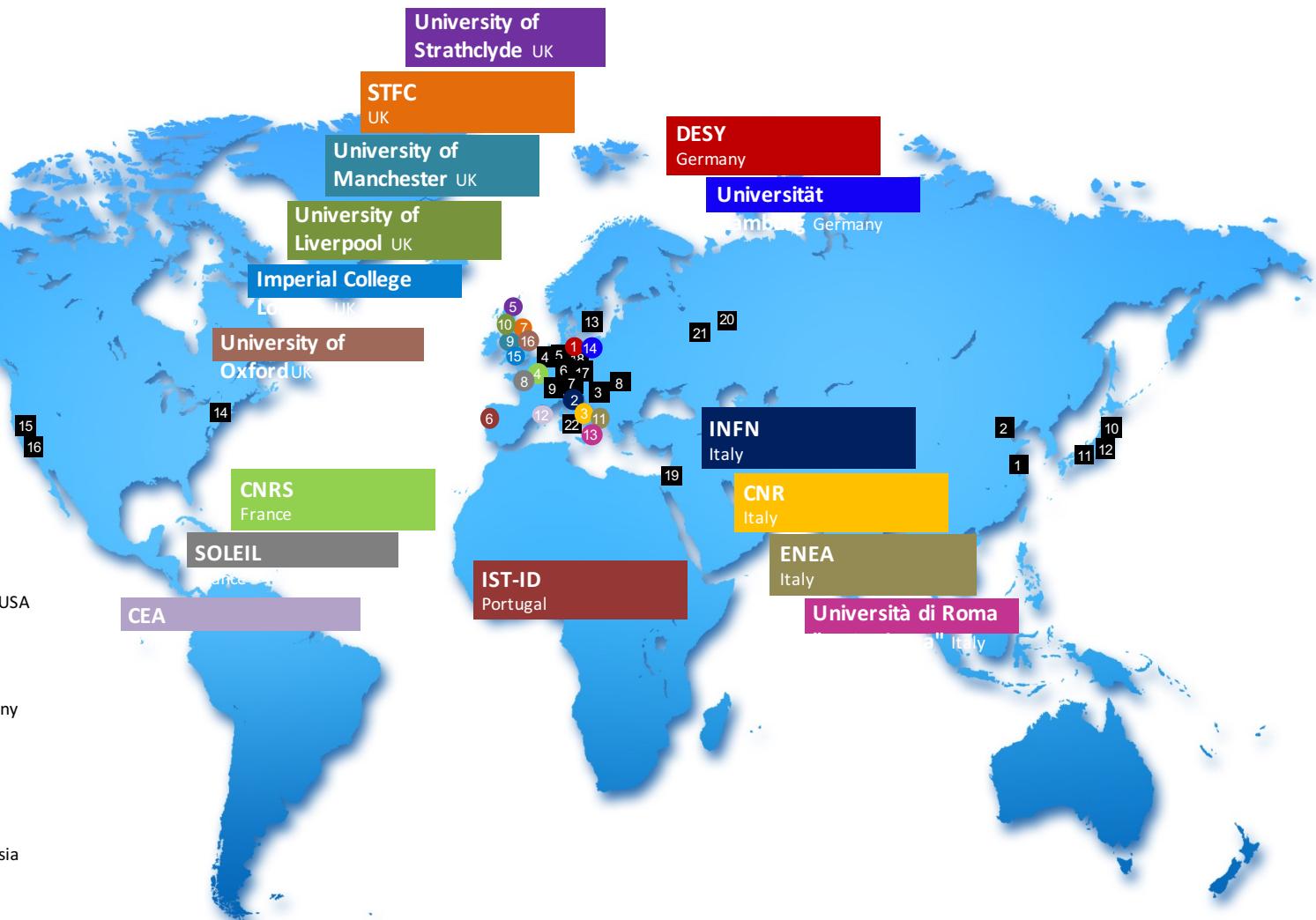


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- 5 Helmholtz-Institut Jena, Germany
- 6 HZDR (Helmholtz), Germany
- 7 LMU München, Germany
- 8 Wigner Fizikai Kutatóközpont, Hungary
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- 12 RIKEN SPring-8, Japan
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EuPRAXIA brings together novel acceleration schemes, modern lasers, the latest correction technologies and large-scale user areas.

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**PARTICIPANTS**  
A consortium of 16 laboratories and universities from 5 EU member states has formed to produce a conceptual design report.

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**WORK PACKAGES**  
The project is structured into 14 work packages of which 8 are included into the EU design study

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**MANAGEMENT**  
The management bodies will organise, lead and control the project's activities and make sure that objectives are met

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### DESIGNING THE FUTURE

The EuPRAXIA Consortium is preparing a conceptual design for the world's first multi-GeV plasma-based accelerator with industrial beam quality and dedicated user areas.

**ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES**  
EuPRAXIA joins novel acceleration schemes with modern lasers, the latest correction technologies and large-scale user areas. The consortium offers unique opportunities for researchers in a multidisciplinary field.

**OPENING NEW HORIZONS**  
The project will bridge the gap between industrial size and improved energy and performance scaling, ultra-compact accelerators.

**INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION**  
EuPRAXIA brings together a consortium of 16 laboratories and universities from 5 EU member states. The project, funded by the European Commission through the EU Horizon 2020 programme.

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### Foreword

Novel accelerators have seen strong advances, not only in ultrahigh beam energy but also in beam quality. This issue of "The EuPRAXIA Files" gives you an overview of the publications that we collect in this first edition of "The EuPRAXIA File". As many of you are aware, the EuPRAXIA project is a European research project aiming at building a European plasma accelerator with usable beams. Instead of another newsletter we will regularly provide you with summaries of recent publications, letting the science speak for itself. In this issue we present the first publication from the EuPRAXIA team, a workshop in Pisa at the end of June, organized together with the European Network for Novel Accelerators EuroNNAc2 and EuCARD2. For further news in EuPRAXIA please visit our website or read regular updates in "Accelerating news". We wish you some inspirational science readings in this edition of "The EuPRAXIA File", prepared by the EuPRAXIA outreach team in cooperation with Riccardo Tomasini as lead editor.

### Research Highlights

Berkeley Lab Scientists Create the First-ever, 2-stage Laser-plasma Accelerator Powered by Independent Laser Pulses

Researchers from the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in the US have made an important breakthrough in the development of ultra-compact high-energy plasma-based accelerators.

In a paper recently published in *Nature*, they demonstrate for the first time the creation of a two-stage laser plasma accelerator. This means that multiple plasma accelerators independently powered by different lasers can be used to transport the beam between stages and a plasma mirror was also used to couple to the second laser pulse. These plasma-based experiments allowed scientists to break the compactness record.

In these experiments, electrons from one laser-plasma accelerator were transported into a second laser-plasma accelerator, where they were accelerated to higher energies. What was particularly novel about this experiment was that the two stages were independently powered by different lasers. This paves the way for future high-energy physics applications that require higher beam energies, while maintaining accelerating gradients orders of magnitude higher than conventional accelerators.

With this result, one can envision scaling to larger energies of interest for high-energy physics applications. In a separate publication, the researchers show that a first step toward that future – experiments of higher beam energy, with higher efficiency and improved beam quality, will need to be performed to further develop plasma-based technology for next generation colliders.

Read more at <http://newscenter.lbl.gov/2016/07/01/2-stage-laser-plasma-accelerator/>

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