



I-LUCE

INFN Laser induced
particles acceleration

Status and perspectives with the upcoming facility at INFN-LNS

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Layout

1. Laser-driven acceleration
2. I-LUCE facility: perspectives at INFN-LNS
3. Funds

Laser-driven particle
acceleration

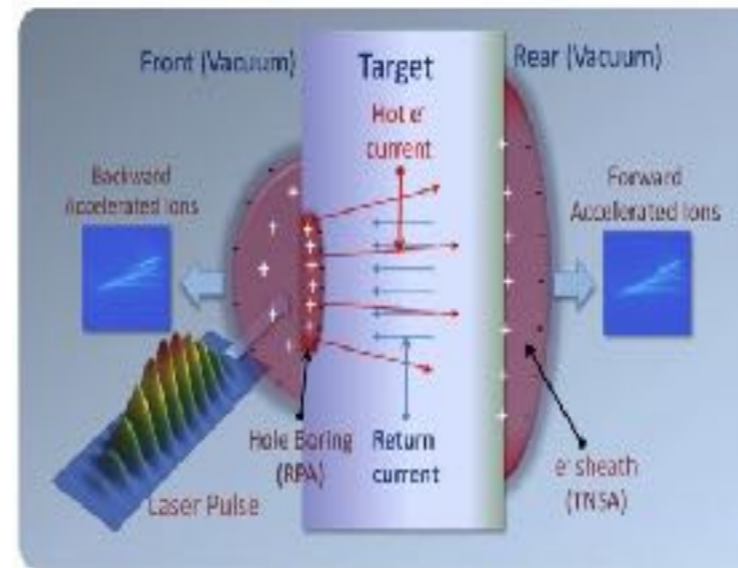
Nowadays approaches for **electrons** and **ions acceleration** are different but both based on **some high-power laser interacting with some material** (gas for electrons and solid for ions)

Laser-driven particles acceleration

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LASER SYSTEMS	High energy CPA systems	Ultrashort CPA systems
Technology	Nd: Glass	Ti:Sa
Energy	100's J	10's J
Pulse duration	>100's fs	10s fs
Intensity [W/cm ²]	10 ²¹ Wcm ²	10 ²¹ Wcm ²
Rep rate	1 shot/hours	1-10 Hz

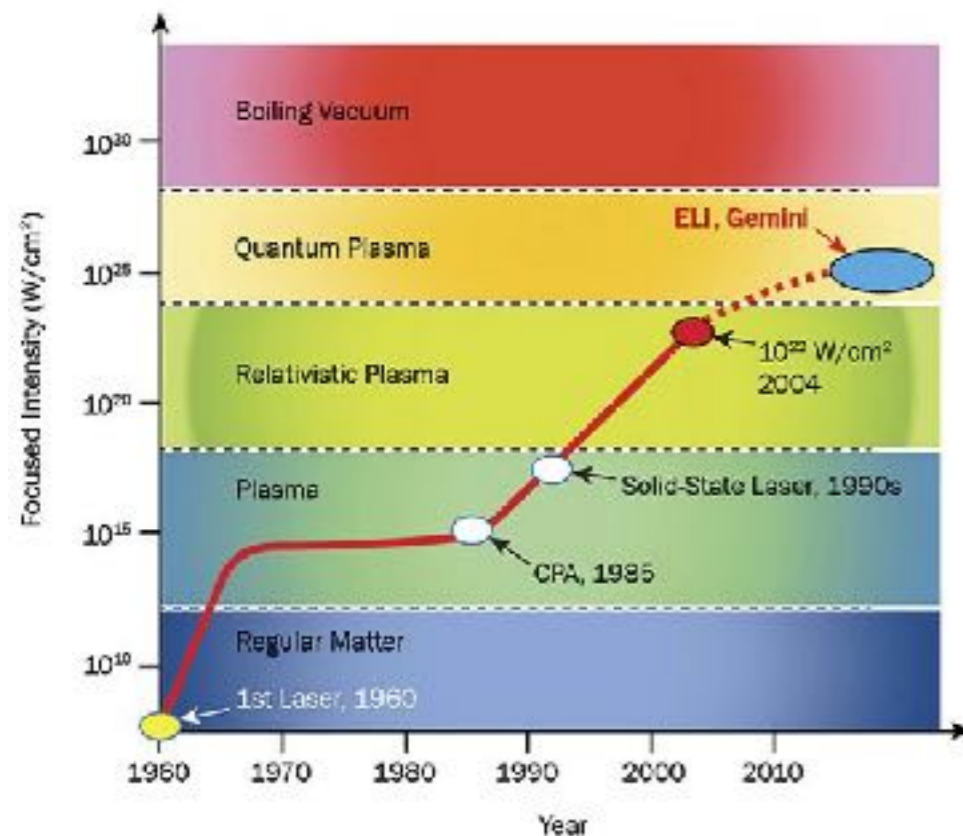
Laser-solid target interaction for protons, ions acceleration



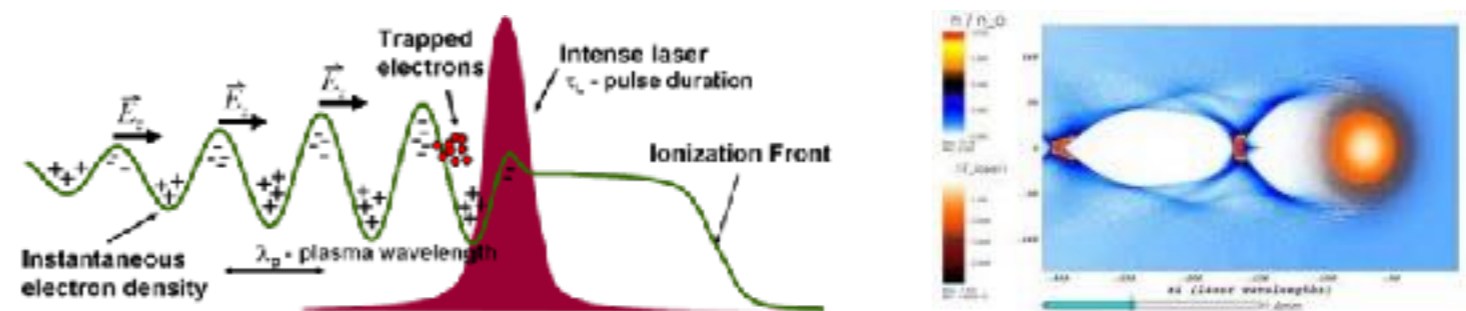
- Multi species production: g, e⁻, p, ions
- E_{max} ~ 10 TV/m
- Short distance (~μm)

Proton characteristics

- High energy: up to ~ 98 MeV
- Pulse duration ≈ 10s fs - 100s ps
- ppb ≈ 10⁸-10¹¹
- Broad energy spectra (100%)
- Wide angular divergence (≈ 10°-20°)



Laser Wake Field Acceleration (LWFA) for electrons



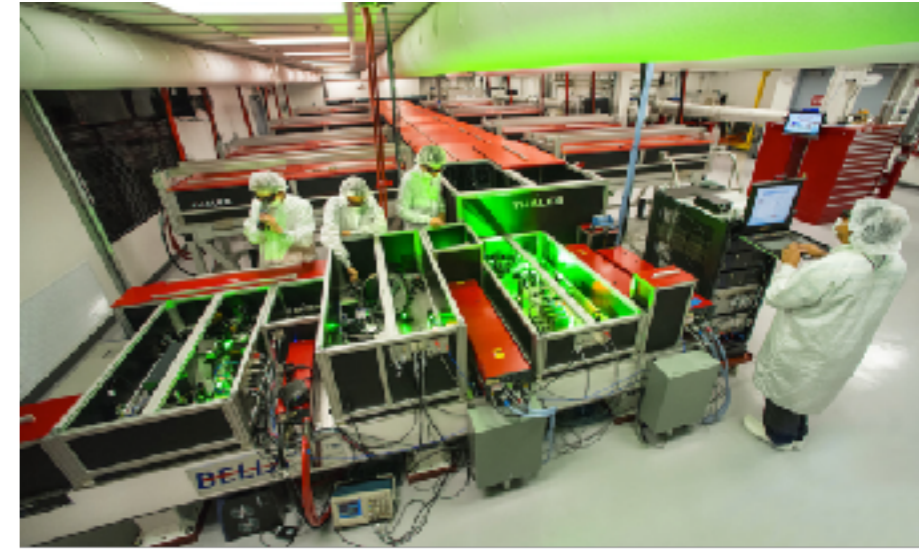
7.8 GeV have been reached at the BELLA (Berkeley Lab) in 2019 using two lasers

How a laser system appears

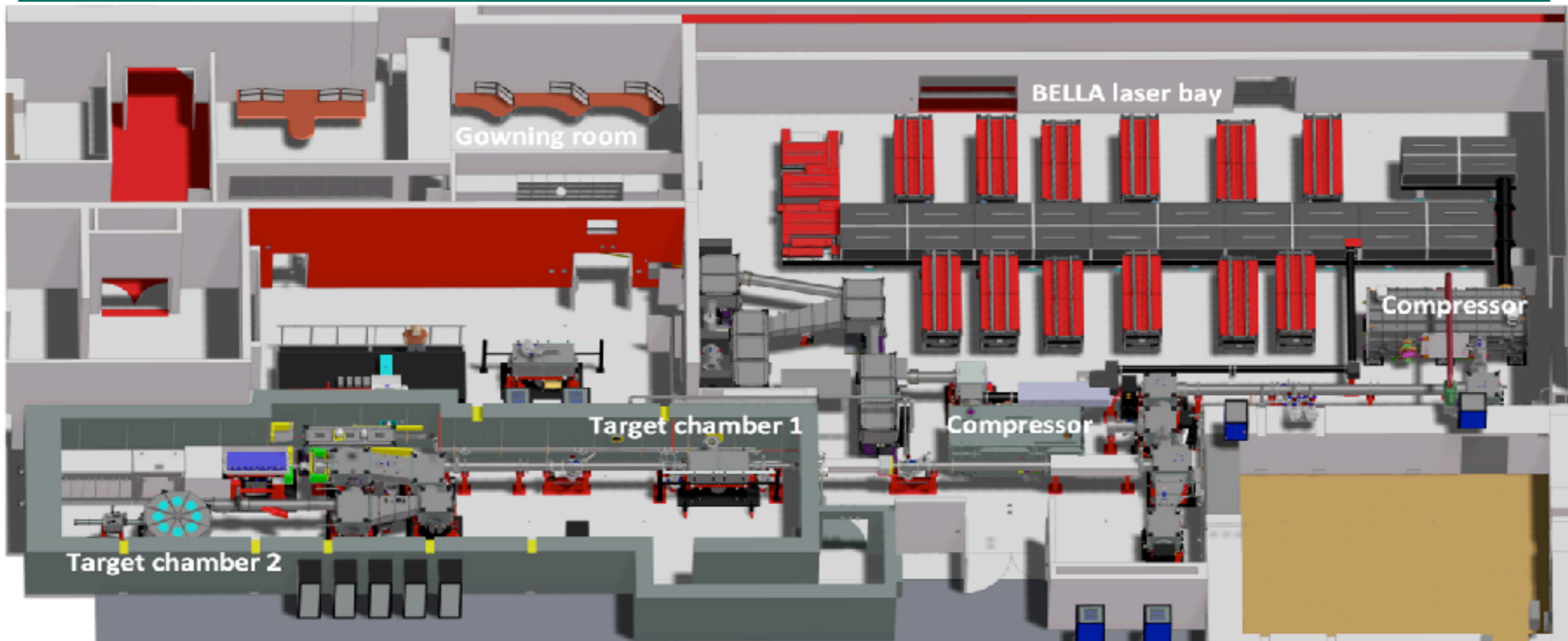
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The BeLLA facility at Berkeley lab (US)

- Mostly acceleration studies
- 10 TW, 50 TW and 1 PW outputs available
- Electron beams 0.01 – 8 GeV
- Ion beams: protons up to 60/80 MeV

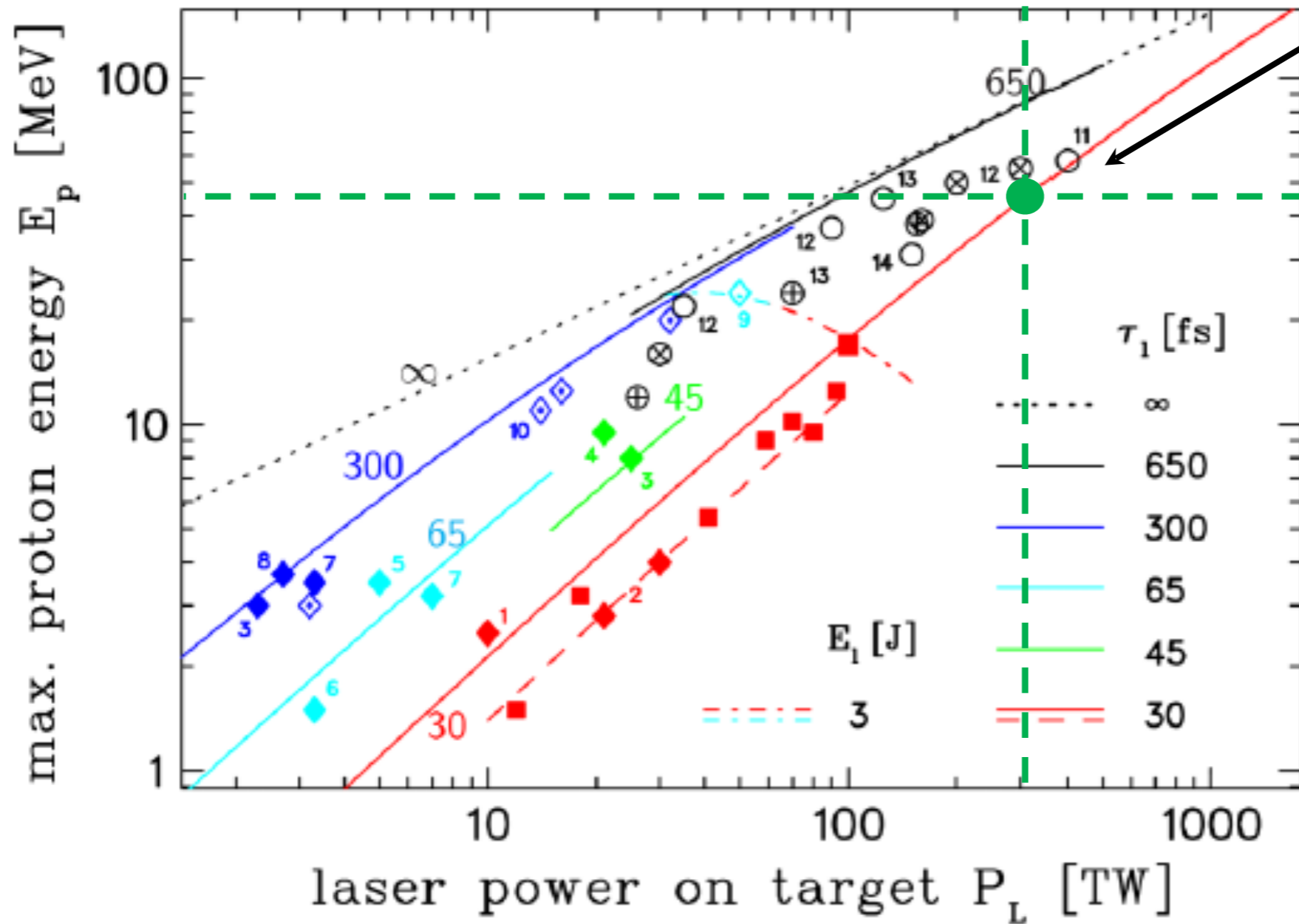


Acceleration of high charge ion beams with achromatic divergence by petawatt laser pulses
Steinke et al. Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams 23, 021302 (2020)



Scaling law for proton acceleration

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The two data set are related to two different 'family' of laser system

The scaling of proton energies in ultrashort pulse laser plasma acceleration
K Zeil et al 2010 New J. Phys. 12 045015

INFN contribution in high power lasers-plasma interaction

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1997-1998 -- ECLISSE proposal for an hybrid source and first MoU with PALS laboratory (CZ)

2010 – the LILIA project (INFN Committee V)

Ion acceleration at FLAME

MoU with ELI-Beamlines Institute (Z)

2013 – ELIMED project (INFN Committee V)

Development of transport devices and dosimetric systems for laser driven beams up to 30 MeV

2014 – ELIMED tender (Competitive project after a tender published by ELI-beamlines)

Development of transport devices and dosimetric systems for laser driven proton/ion up to 200 MeV

Beamline installed at running at the ELI-Beamline facility

2016 to 2022 L3IA and LP2A projects (INFN Committee V)

Laser-driven transport, dosimetry and radiobiology

2020 – IMPULSE project (H2020)

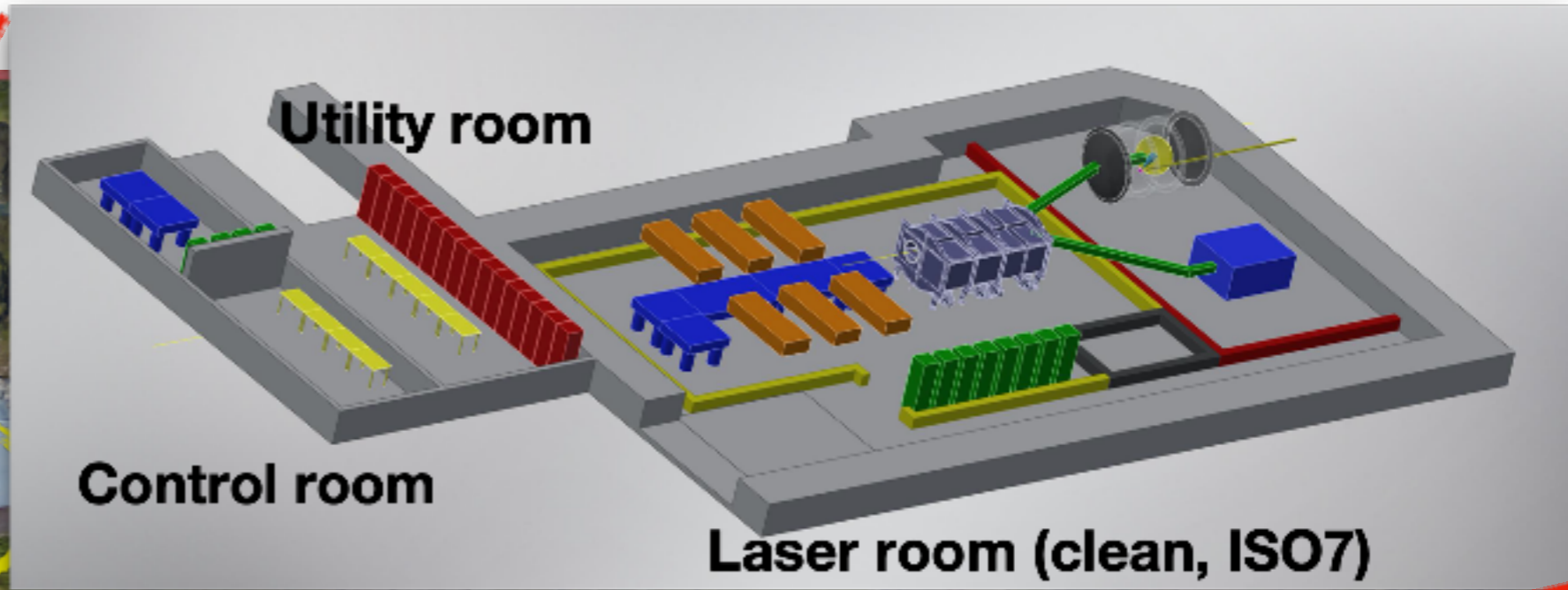
Innovative detectors for laser-driven and FLASH beams in collaboration with many European laser facilities

2022 – I-LUCE

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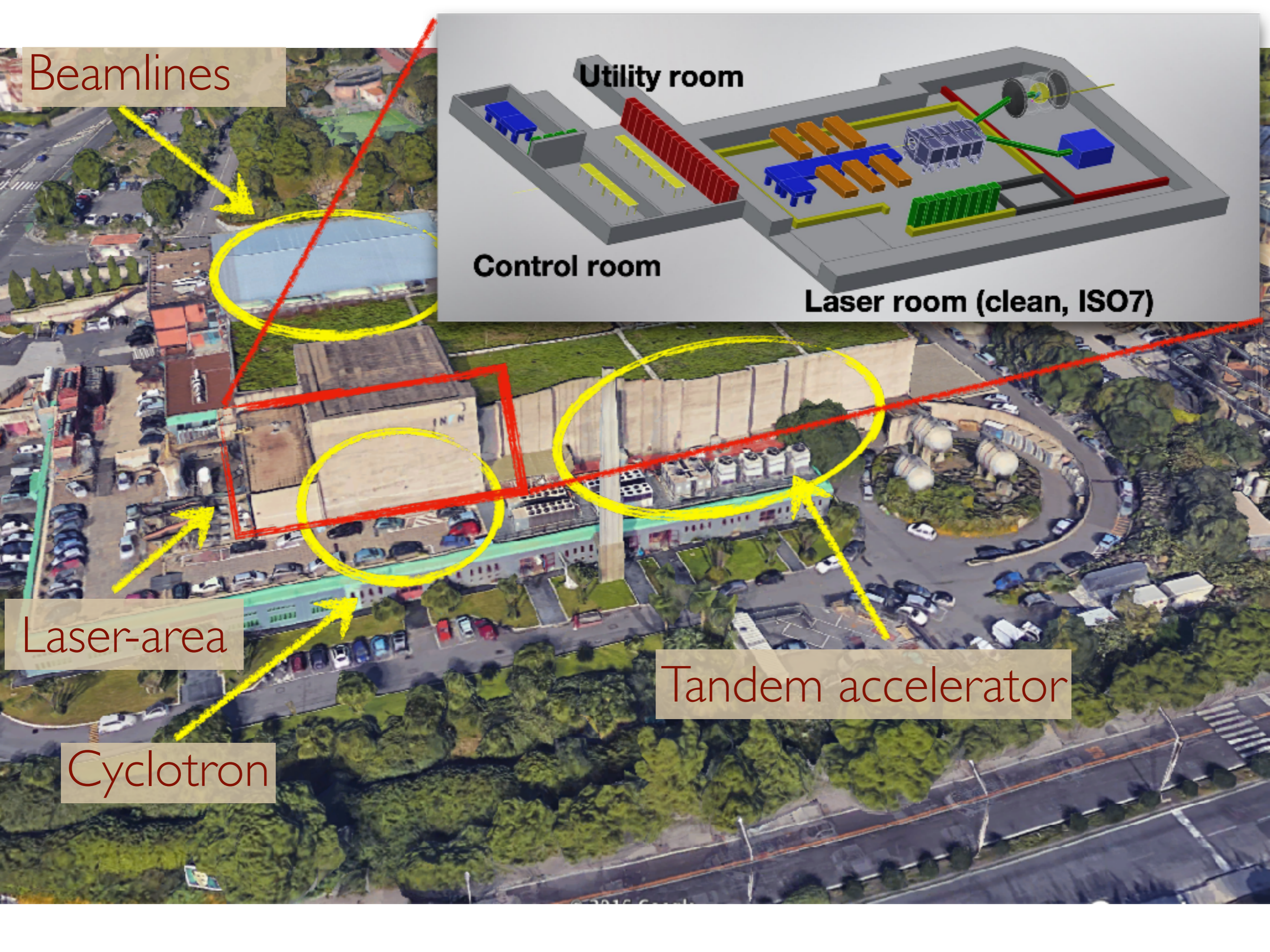
Beamlines



Laser-area

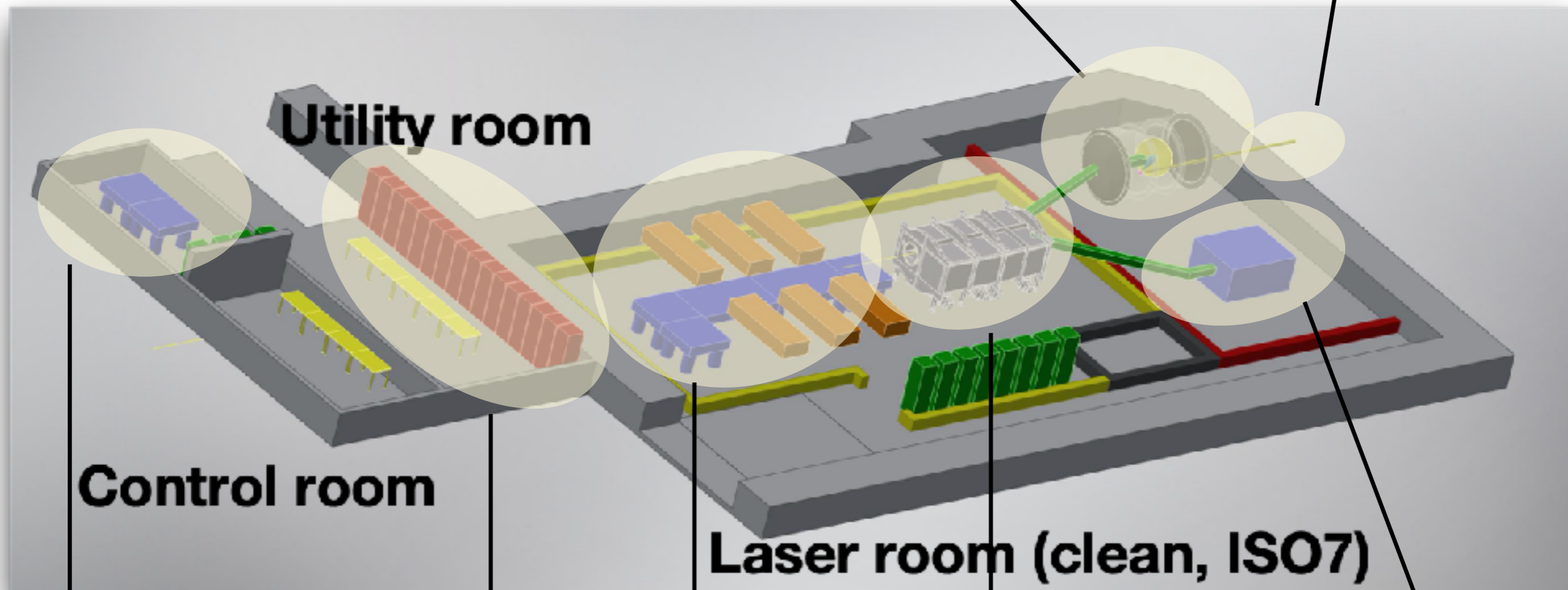
Tandem accelerator

Cyclotron



Plasma-ion interaction chamber; Plasma and nuclear physics studies

Ion beams from Cyclotron and Tandem



Control room

Utility room

Laser room (clean, ISO7)

Optical laboratory

Pumps
laser bias
supplies

Laser
system

Laser
compressor
chamber

Proton-, ion- and electron
acceleration

I-LUCE: INFN Laser Induced particle acceleration

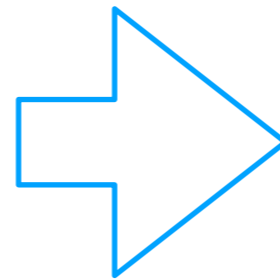
BCT will fund a 45TW laser system;

EUAs and SAMOTHRACE will fund the upgrade to 500TW laser system

aim: e- and proton acceleration to obtain "FLASH" regime and biological irradiation

INFN will take care of the whole infrastructure and beams facility

First phase
1TW, 25fs, 30mJ, 10Hz
and
45TW, <25fs, >1J, 5Hz
Upgradable to 300TW



Second phase
500TW, <25fs, >1J, 5Hz
to
1PW, <25fs, 10J, 1Hz

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Laser tender is starting

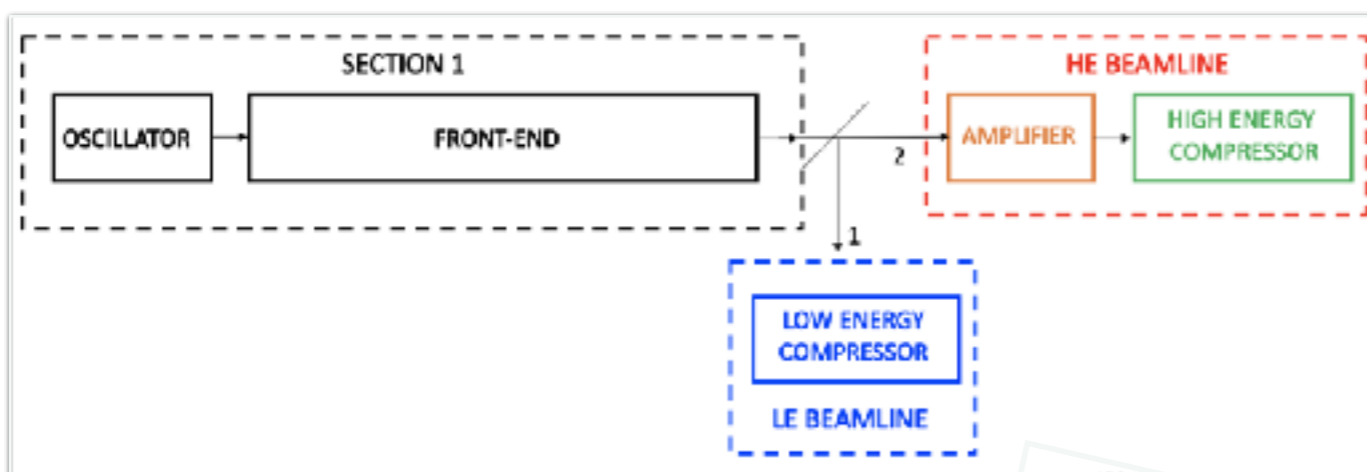
Middle 2024 the first experimental station

Two laser lines and three experimental stations:

Fusion studies

Acceleration

Plasma-ion interaction



Laser Power	~ 1 TW
Energy per pulse	25-30 mJ
Pulse duration	25-30 fs*
Contrast ratio ns	< 1*10 ⁻⁸
Contrast ratio @5 ps	> 10 ⁵
Contrast ratio @100 ps (ASE)	> 10 ¹⁰
Repetition rate	10 Hz

Laser Power 500 TW

Energy per pulse ≥ 10 J

Pulse duration ≤ 25 fs

Contrast ratio ns < 1*10⁻⁸

Contrast ratio @5 ps > 10⁵

Contrast ratio @100 ps (ASE) > 10¹⁰

Repetition rate 1 Hz

Path to upgrade up to 1PW
Compressor optics ready for the upgrade up to 1PW

Pointing stability < 50 μrad

Beam diameter (FWHM) 50-60 mm

Strehl ratio
>=0.65 (without deformable mirror)
>=0.8 (with deformable mirror)



Breast Cancer Therapy

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Samothrace

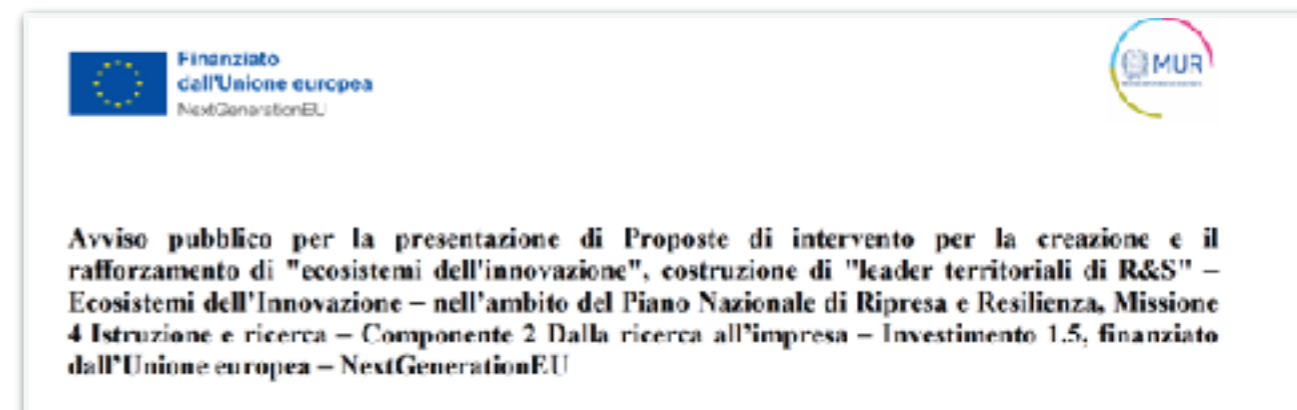


EUAPS

“Rafforzamento e creazione di Infrastrutture di Ricerca” da finanziare nell’ambito del PNRR

Missione 4, “Istruzione e Ricerca” - Componente 2, “Dalla ricerca all’impresa” - Linea di investimento 3.1, “Fondo per la realizzazione di un sistema integrato di infrastrutture di ricerca e innovazione”, finanziato dall’Unione europea - NextGenerationEU

Samothrace



The BCT project

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Main aim

identification and study of new therapeutical approaches for the breast cancer treatment

to improve the efficacy of the actual protocols and reduce the number of death per year

How?

New and specific radiotherapeutic approaches: protontherapy and FLASH therapy

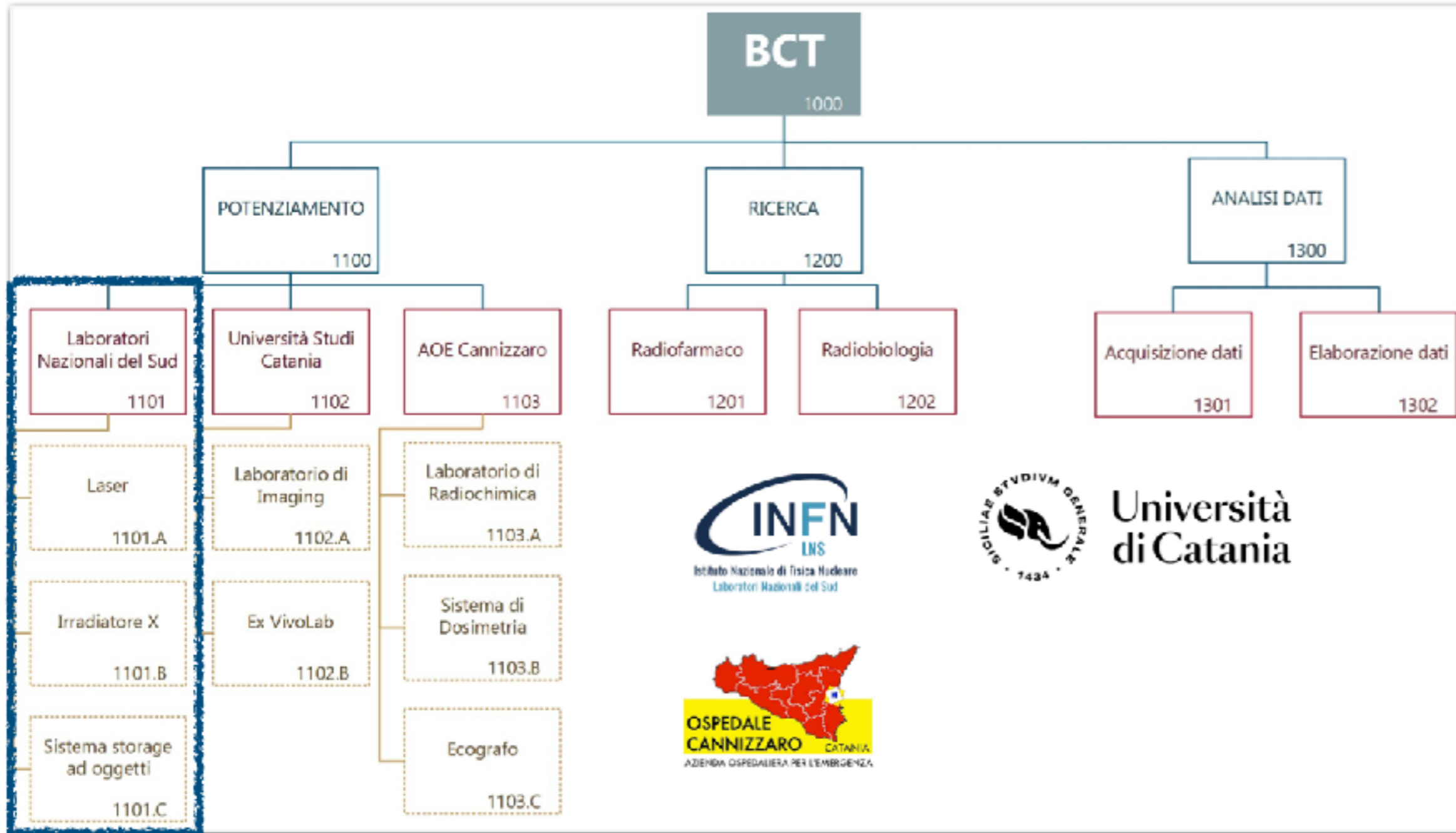
Use of drugs to improve the radiosensitivity

Four working packages:

biology, radiochemistry, clinical and apparatus development

The BCT project

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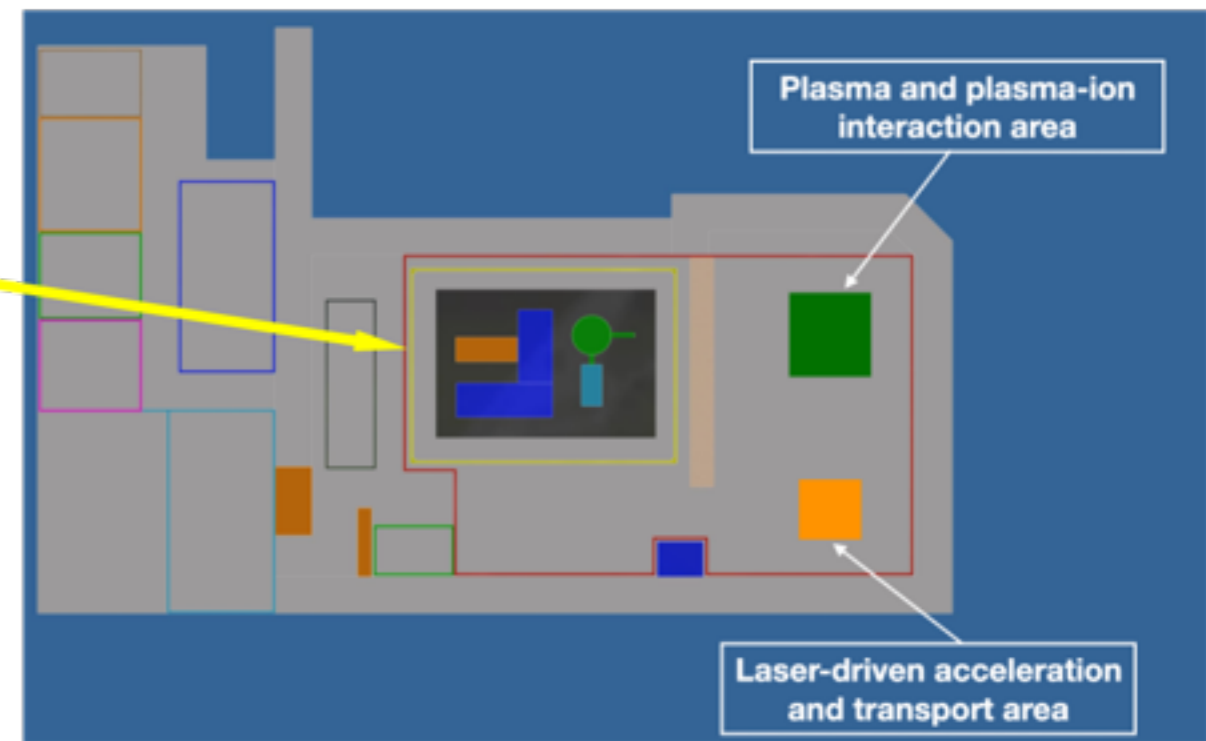
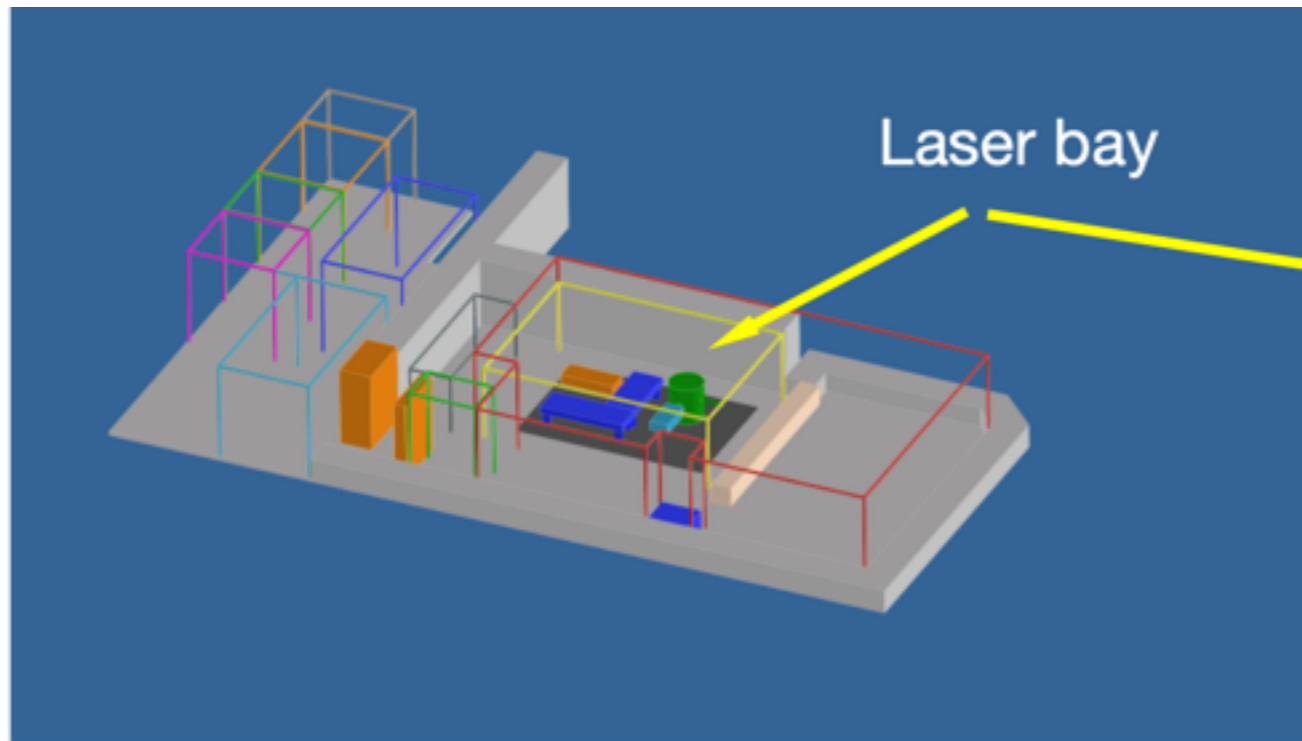


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Towards the second phase

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Energy on target: 45 TW - 500 TW

Pulse duration: < 25 fs

Repetition rate: 1 Hz - 5 Hz

Upgradable to 1 PW

Protons

- 15 MeV (first phase)
- 50-100 MeV (second phase)

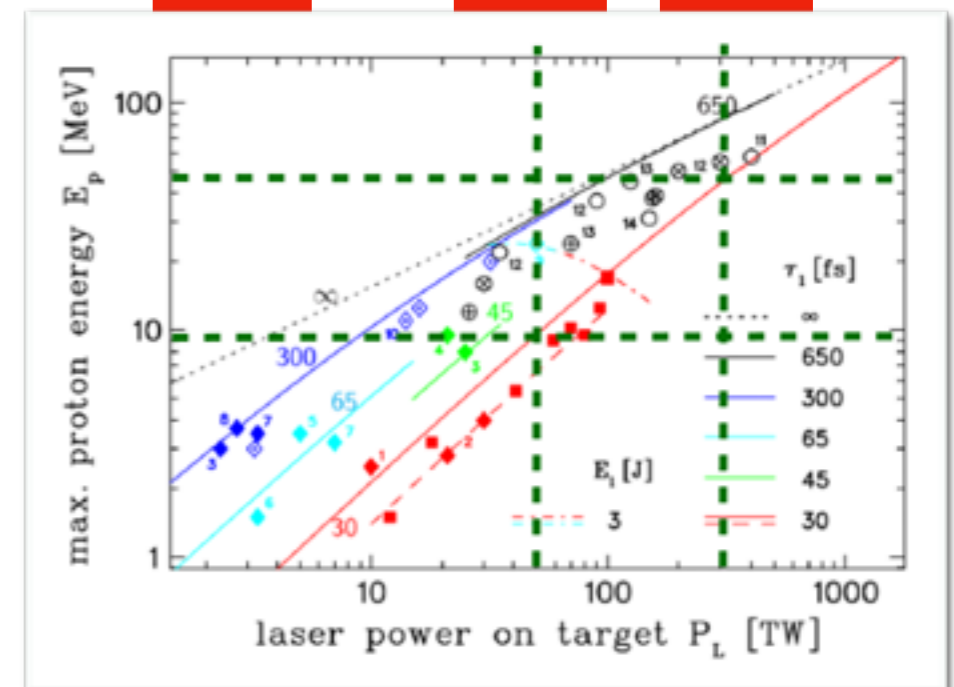
Electrons

- 170 MeV (first phase)
- 800 MeV (second phase)

Protons

10 MeV

40 MeV





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REFORMS AND INVESTMENTS UNDER THE RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLAN
NextGenerationEU

Call for proposals

Intervention field 6: Investment in digital capacities and deployment of advanced technologies
DESI dimension 4: Integration of digital technologies + ad hoc data collections
055 - Other types of ICT infrastructure (including large-scale computer resources/equipment, data centres, sensors and other wireless equipment)

Mission 4 – “Education and Research”
Component 2: from research to business

Investment 3.1: “Fund for the realisation of an integrated system of research and innovation infrastructures
Action 3.1.1 “Creation of new research infrastructures strengthening of existing ones and their networking for Scientific Excellence under Horizon Europe”

- Total available funds 400 M€
- Minimal request 15 M€ of which 40% to the Southern Regions
- Personell funding allowed provided that 40% is reserved to women
- To be completed no later than December 31st 2025

Nome IR	Capofila	Ambito e Tipo		EUROFEL	Area Sci. Park	PSE	Distributed
ACTRIS	CNR	ENV	Distributed	EuroNanoLab (ENL)	CNR	PSE	Distributed
ANAEE	CNR	H&F	Distributed	EVN - JIVE	INAF	PSE	Distributed
Auger	INFN	PSE	Single site	FERMI	Area Sci. Park	PSE	Single site
BBMRI	CNR	H&F	Distributed	Fondazione CMCC	INGV	ENV	Distributed
BRIEF	SS S. Anna	DIGIT	Distributed	GARR-X	GARR	DIGIT	e-IR
CERIC-ERIC	Area Sci. Park	PSE	Distributed	IBISBA-IT	CNR	H&F	Distributed
CESSDA	CNR	SCI	Distributed	ICOS	CNR	ENV	Distributed
CLARIN-IT	CNR	SCI	Distributed	ILL	CNR	PSE	Single site
CTA	INAF	PSE	Distributed	INFRAFRONTIER	CNR	H&F	Distributed
DANUBIUS-RI	CNR	ENV	Distributed	INSTRUCT-ERIC	CNR	H&F	Distributed
DARIAH ERIC	CNR	SCI	Distributed	ISBE	CNR	H&F	Distributed
DISSCo	CNR	ENV	e-IR	ISIS	CNR	PSE	Distributed
DTT	ENEA	ENE	Single site	KM3-NET	INFN	PSE	Distributed
EATRIS	CNR	H&F	Distributed	LBT	INAF	PSE	Single site
EBRAINS	CNR	H&F	Distributed	LENS	CNR	PSE	Single site
ECCSEL	OGS	ENE	Distributed	LIFEWATCH	CNR	ENV	Distributed
ECORD	CNR	ENV	Distributed	LNF	INFN	PSE	Single site
ECRIN	CNR	H&F	Distributed	LNGS	INFN	PSE	Single site
E-ELT	INAF	PSE	Single site	LNL	INFN	PSE	Single site
EGO	INFN	PSE	Single site	LNS	INFN	PSE	Single site
EIRENE RI	CNR	ENV	Distributed	LOFAR	INAF	PSE	Distributed
ELETTRA	Area Sci. Park	PSE	Single site	METROFOOD-RI	ENEA	H&F	Distributed
ELI	CNR	PSE	Distributed	MIRRI	Torino	H&F	Distributed
ELIXIR - IT	CNR	H&F	Distributed	NFFA	CNR	PSE	Distributed
eLTER	CNR	ENV	Distributed	OPENAIRE	CNR	DIGIT	Distributed
EMBRC	SZN	H&F	Distributed	OPERAS	CNR	SCI	Distributed
EMSO	INGV	ENV	Distributed	Phen-Italy - nodo IT di EMPHASIS	CNR	H&F	Distributed
EPOS	INGV	ENV	Distributed	PRACE-Italy	OGS	DIGIT	e-IR
E-RIHS	CNR	SCI	Distributed	RESILIENCE	CNR	SCI	Distributed
ESRF Grenoble	CNR	PSE	Single site	RFX	CNR	ENE	Single site
ESS ERIC	INAPP	SCI	Distributed	SESAME	INFN	PSE	Single site
ESS ERIC (Spallation)	INFN	PSE	Single site	SHARE-ERIC	CNR	SCI	Distributed
ET	INFN	PSE	Single site	SIOS	CNR	ENV	Distributed
EUFAR	CNR	ENV	Distributed	SKA	INAF	PSE	Distributed
EuPRAXIA	INFN	PSE	Distributed	SoBigData	CNR	DIGIT	Distributed
Euro-Argo	OGS	ENV	Distributed	TNG	INAF	PSE	Single site
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Tabella 10: IR ad alta priorita

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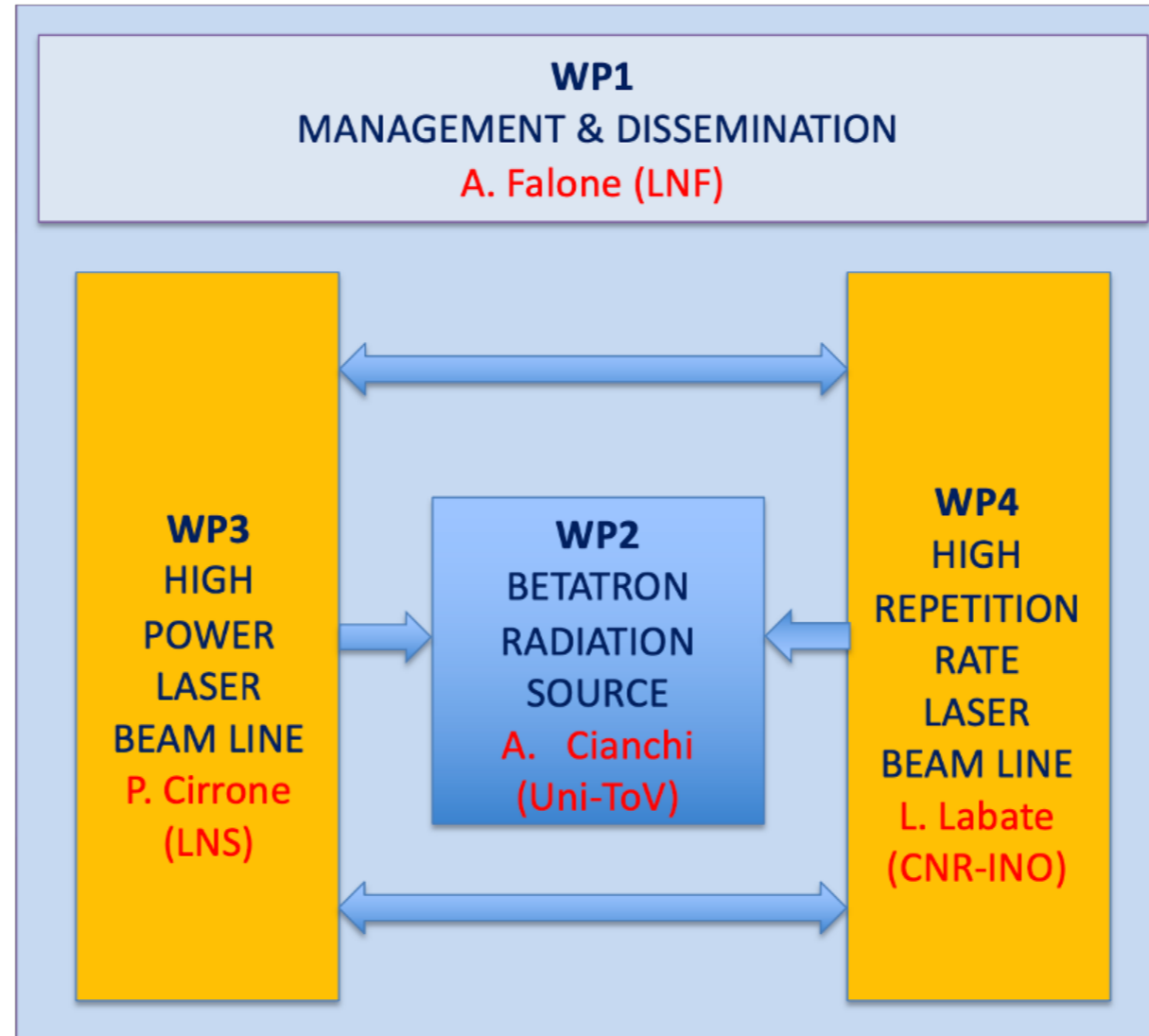
EUPRAXIA Advanced Photon Sources proposal (EUAPS)

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WP3 organization

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WP3: High Power Laser beamline

WP 3	High Power Laser beam line (INFN-LNS)						
	Task	Deliverables			Milestones		
3.1	Clear room realisation	D3.1.1	Infrastructure realisation	M24	M3.1.1	Clean room design	M4
					M3.1.2	Procurement and first payment	M10
					M3.1.3	Second payment	M14
					M3.1.4	Third payment	M20
					M3.1.5	Assembling, commissioning and fourth payment	M24
3.2	Laser design and realisation (PW scale/10 Hz)	D3.2.1	Laser design procurement and installation	M30	M3.2.1	Laser Design	M6
					M3.2.2	Procurement and first payment	M10
					M3.2.3	Second payment	M16
					M3.2.4	Third payment	M24
					M3.2.5	Assembling, commissioning and fourth payment	M30
3.3	Target system for high repetition rate (up to 10 Hz)	D3.3.1	Design and realisation of the target system	M30	M3.3.1	Design and procurement	M24
					M3.3.2	Realization and test	M30
3.4	Plasma diagnostic	D3.4.1	Plasma diagnostic: acquisition and installation	M10	M3.4.1	Design and procurement	M10
3.5	Secondary beam diagnostic	D3.5.1	Secondary beam diagnostic: acquisition and installation	M30	M3.5.1	Design, procurement and mechanical realisations of diagnostic	M18
					M3.5.2	Calibration under conventional beams	M30



Thanks for listening



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