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# WP15 - TDR EuPRAXIA@SPARC\_LAB (beam-driven plasma)

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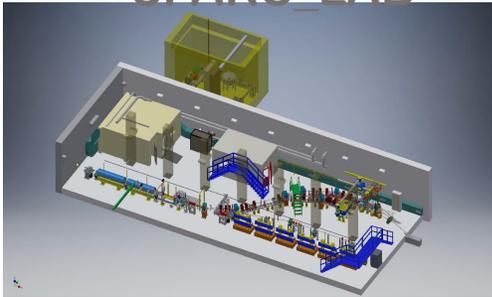


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## Beam Driven Pillar

- 1GeV full RF X-band Linac
- Plasma Acceleration Stage
- Undulator Line
- + Brand New Building

SPARC\_LAB



Full Upgrade supported by Regione Lazio through **SABINA** project

- Plasma acceleration stage
- RF Gun Prototype
- Diagnostics prototyping
- Synchronization

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## Main Challenges:

- Plasma Acceleration stage
- 1 GeV full RF X-band Linac

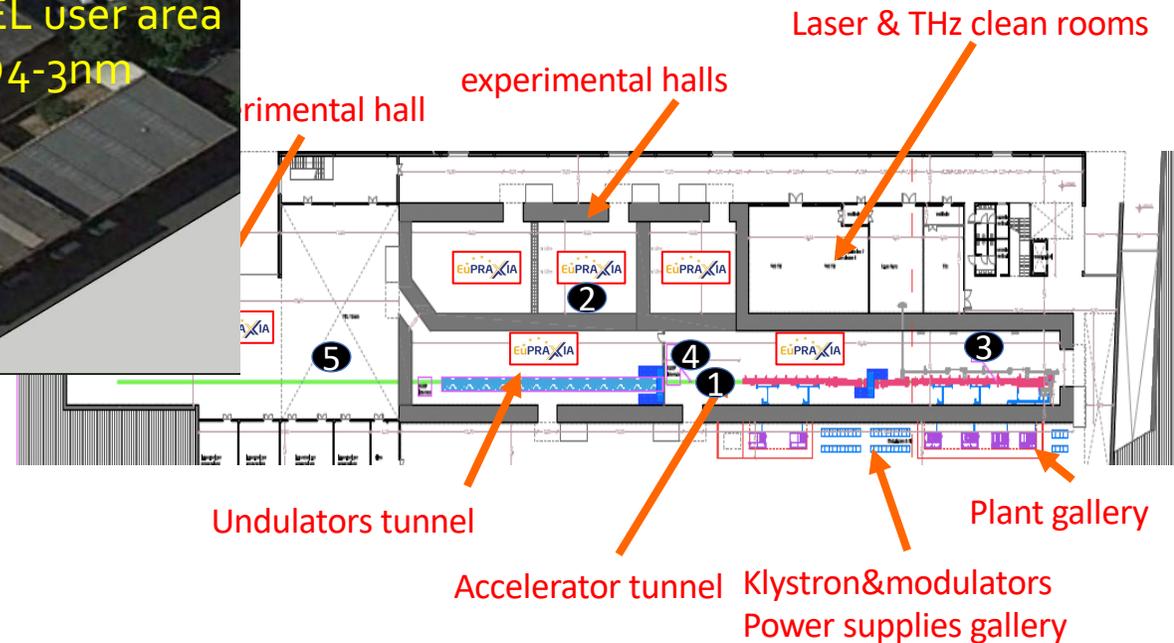
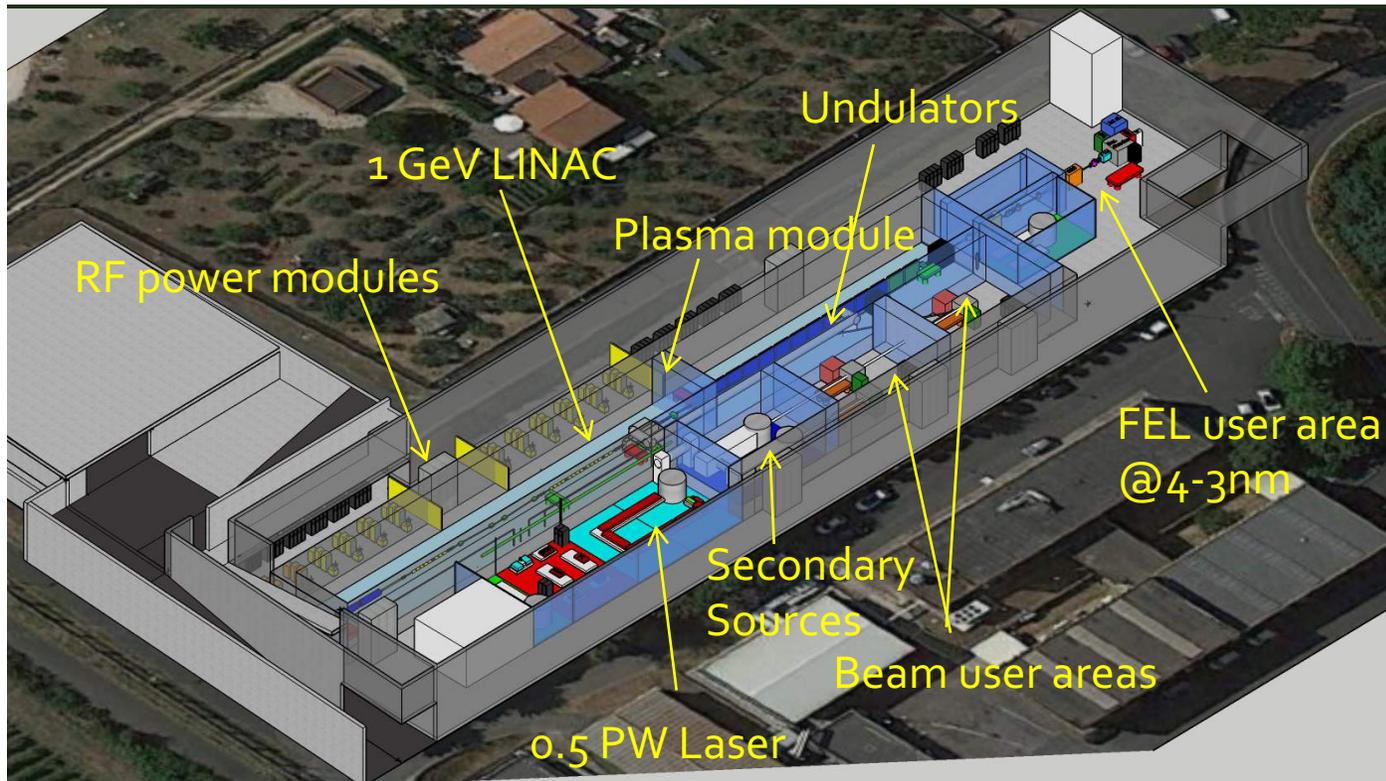
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## TEX- Test Stand X-band



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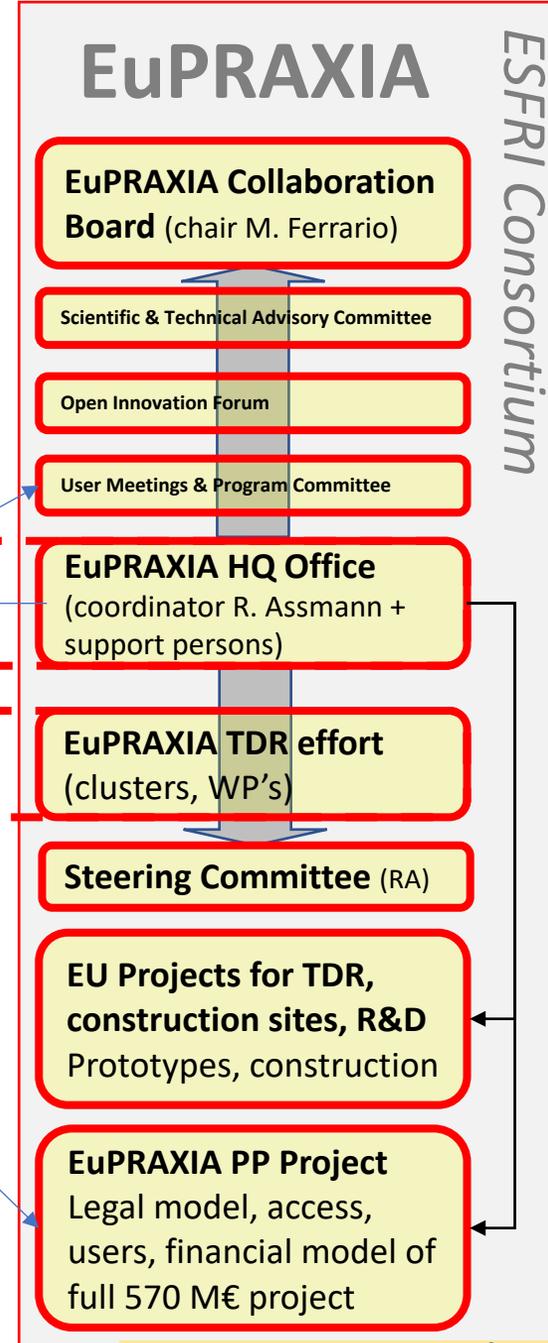
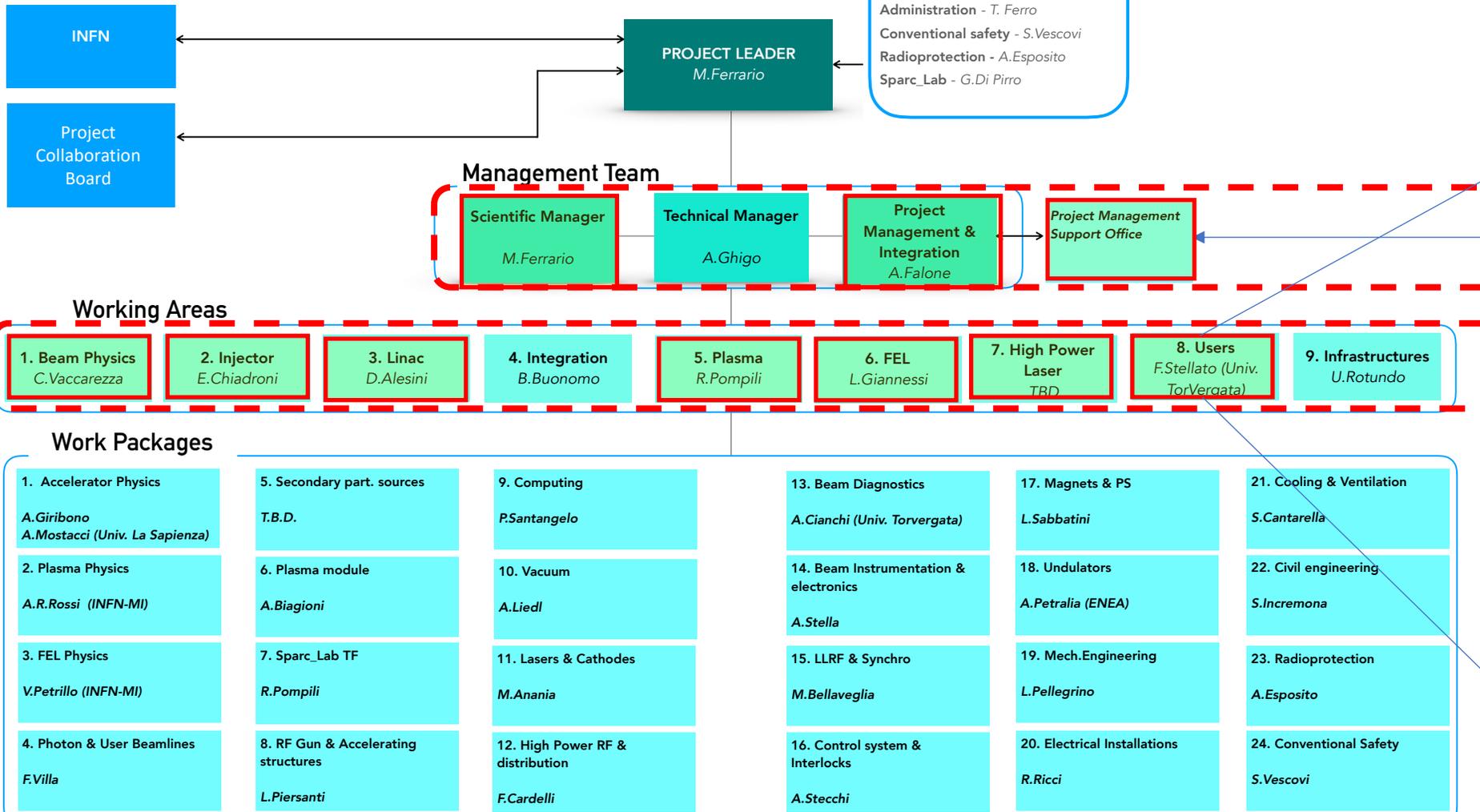
- X-band HP RF Technology
- X-band HP waveguide components & pulse compressor
- X-band structures conditioning

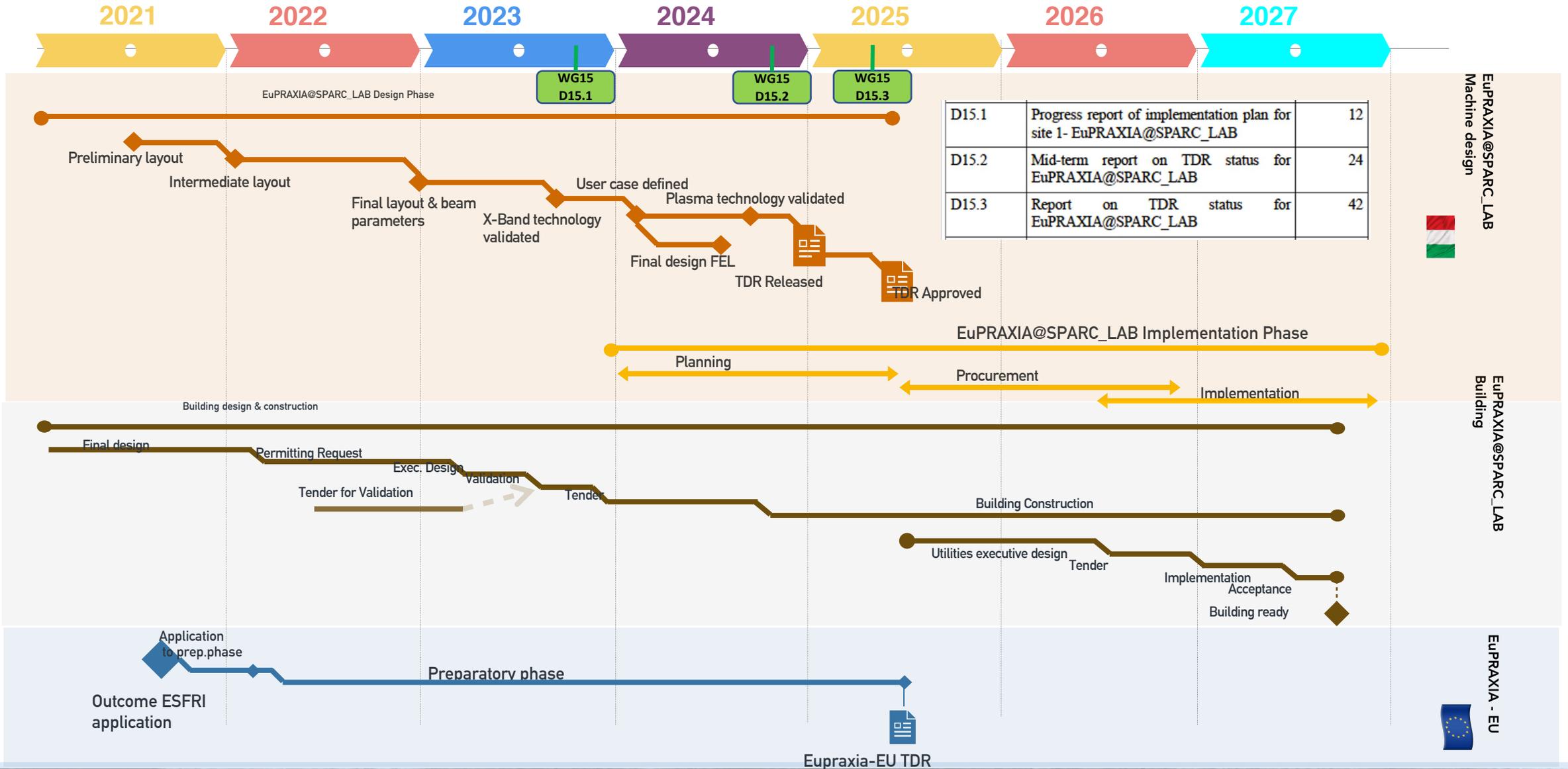


- 1 Plasma structure designs, devices
  - 2 Compact positron source
  - 3 HQ 150 MeV laser plasma injector
  - 4 HQ laser driver
    - Hybrid concepts
    - Simulations
  - 5 User experiments and lines
- To be detailed in TDR phase.

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Construction Project (funding Italy)





# X-BAND LINAC OPERATION:

- WoP1 : PWFA

The 500 MeV Witness+Driver scheme is adopted with a lattice able to drive the two bunches at the plasma entrance with the required characteristics

- WoP2 : Full X-band

The 1 GeV energy is achieved by means of 16 X-band RF sections the beam is compressed with a Hybrid scheme: VB + Mag. chicane

## • FEL parameters

Parameter	Unit	PWFA	Full X-band
Radiation Wavelength	nm	3-4	4
Photon per Pulse	$\times 10^{12}$	0.1-0.2	1
Photon Bandwidth	%	0.1	0.2
Undulator Length	m	30	
$\rho(1D/3D)$	$\times 10^{-3}$	1	2
Photon Brilliance per shot	$\left( \frac{s \text{ mm}^2 \text{ mrad}^2}{\text{bw}(0.1\%)} \right)$	$10^{26}$	

## • Electron Beam Parameters

Parameter	Unit	PWFA	Full X-band
Electron Energy	GeV	1-1.2	1
Bunch Charge	pC	30-50	200
Peak Current	kA	1-2	1-2
RMS Energy Spread	%	0.1	0.1
RMS Bunch Length	$\mu\text{m}$	6-3	24-20
RMS norm. Emittance	$\mu\text{m}$	1	1
Slice Energy Spread	%	$\leq 5\text{E-}04$	$\leq 5\text{E-}04$
Slice norm Emittance	mm-mrad	0.5	0.5

## The Photoinjector

The SPARC\_LAB photoinjector is based on a 1.6 cell S-band [RF gun](#) which operates at  $\sim 120$  MV/m peak on cathode. At the gun exit a solenoid is located for the emittance compensation and downstream two 3 m long S-band accelerating structures plus a 1.5 m C-band, are located providing a total energy of  $\sim 200$  MeV on crest.

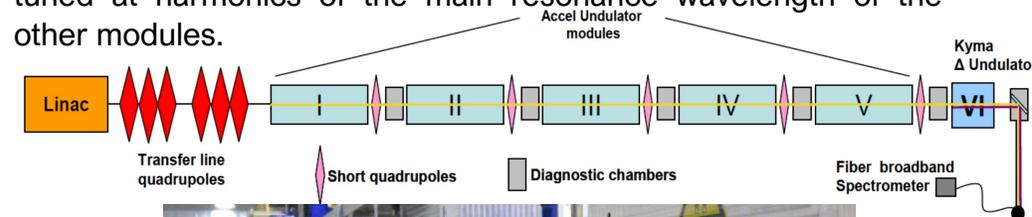


The SPARC\_LAB photocathode laser system is based on a [Titanium-Sapphire laser](#) at 800 nm, the laser system is [synchronized](#) with the RF system with a compressed pulse energy of about 50 mJ. We split the laser pulses from the oscillator to two CPA systems, one used for the photocathode and one for [FEL seeding](#) and [diagnostics](#)



## The Undulator

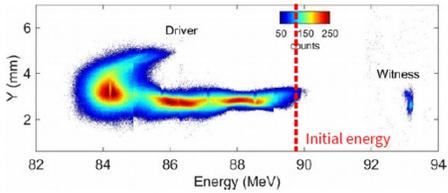
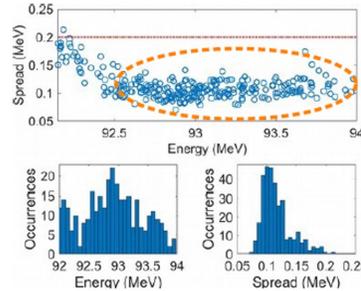
The Undulator consists of six permanent magnet modules made by 77 periods with  $\lambda_u = 2.8$  cm. Each module allows a variable gap in the range from 25 to 8.4 mm in order to achieve an undulator strength parameter variation up to  $K_u = 2.2$  at the minimum gap. The intersections between the undulator modules host quadrupoles and diagnostic stations for electron beam and radiation. More recently a novel type of short period undulator with  $\lambda_u = 1.4$  cm and  $K_u = 1$ , has been installed and tested. This undulator acts as an afterburner to have emission of radiation tuned at harmonics of the main resonance wavelength of the other modules.



## Energy spread reduction in the beam driven PWFA experiment

4 MeV acceleration in 3 cm plasma with 200 pC driver

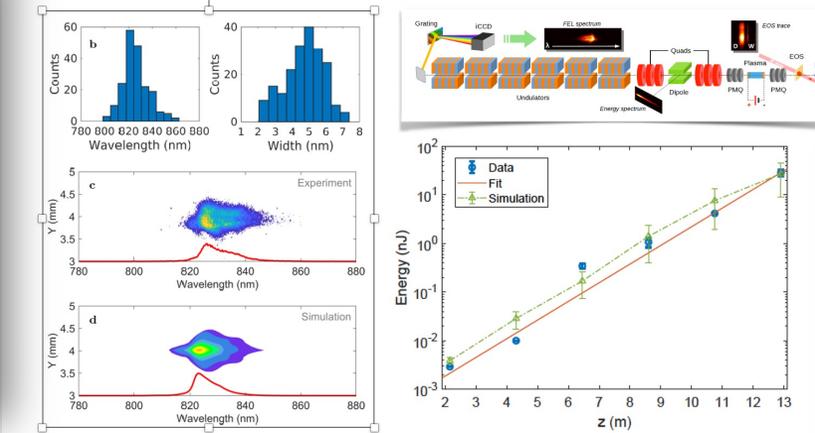
- ~133 MV/m accelerating gradient
- $2 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  plasma density
- Energy spread from 0.2% to 0.12%



R. Pompili et al., *Energy spread minimization in a beam-driven plasma wakefield accelerator* (2021), Nature Physics, 17 (4), pp. 499-503

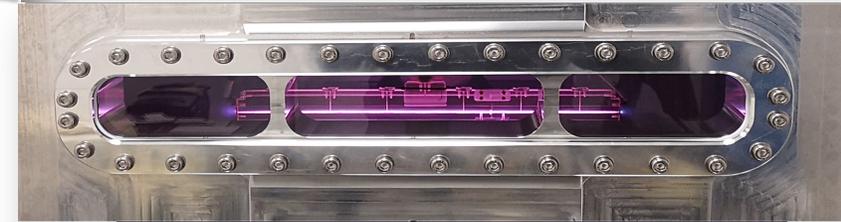
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### First experimental observation of the gain growth of a plasma-driven SASE FEL



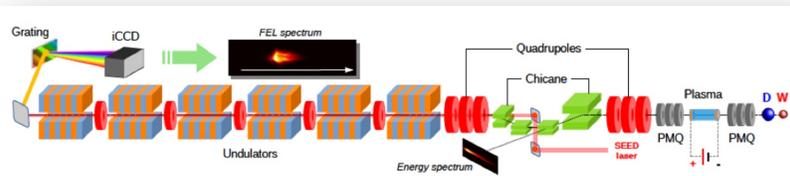
R. Pompili et al., *First lasing of a free-electron laser with a compact beam-driven plasma accelerator*, (2021), accepted in Nature

### First EuPRAXIA plasma source to reach 1.1 GeV (1.5 GV/m) - 40 cm long



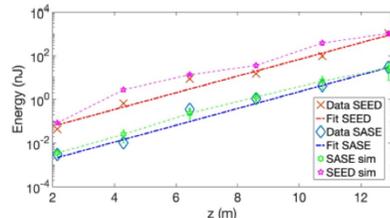
- Rep rate at 1 Hz
- 9 kV – 480 A minimum values to have the ionization (3 kV – 140 A for 3cmx2mm)
- Aperture time E-valve/Voltage delay is 9ms/12 ms (3-4 ms/5-6 ms for 3cmx2mm)
- 6 inlets of 1 mm in diameter separated by 60mm/80mm (1 or 2 inlets for 3cmx2mm)

## First plasma-driven Seeded FEL



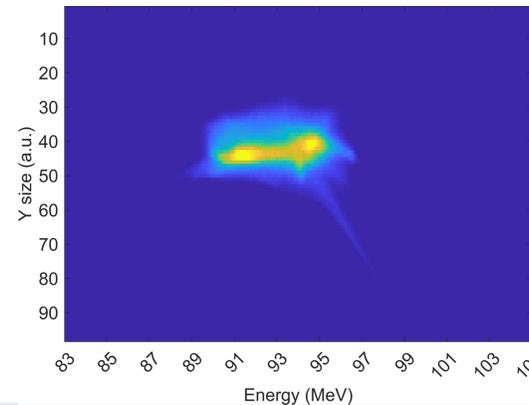
### Seeded FEL Radiation

- Part of the EOS laser used as seed
- Seed laser ~ 795 nm, FEL peak 827 nm
- Pulse energy increase from 30 nJ up to 1 μJ
- Increased stability of emitted radiation

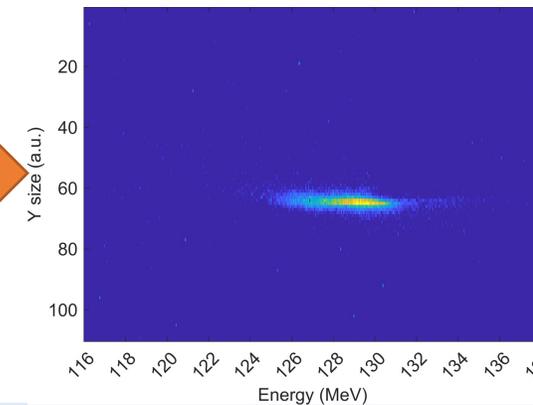


M. Galletti et al., *Stable operation of a free-electron laser driven by a plasma accelerator*, (2022), submitted to Nature

## 2022

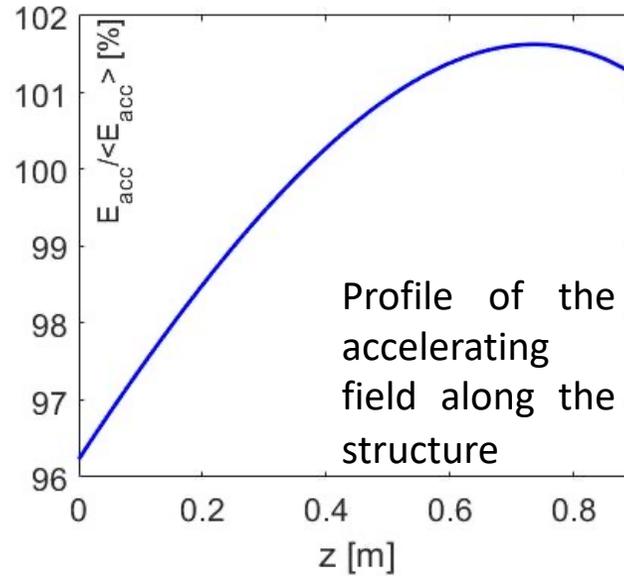


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1.2 GV/m  
in a 3cm  
capillary  
50+500 pC

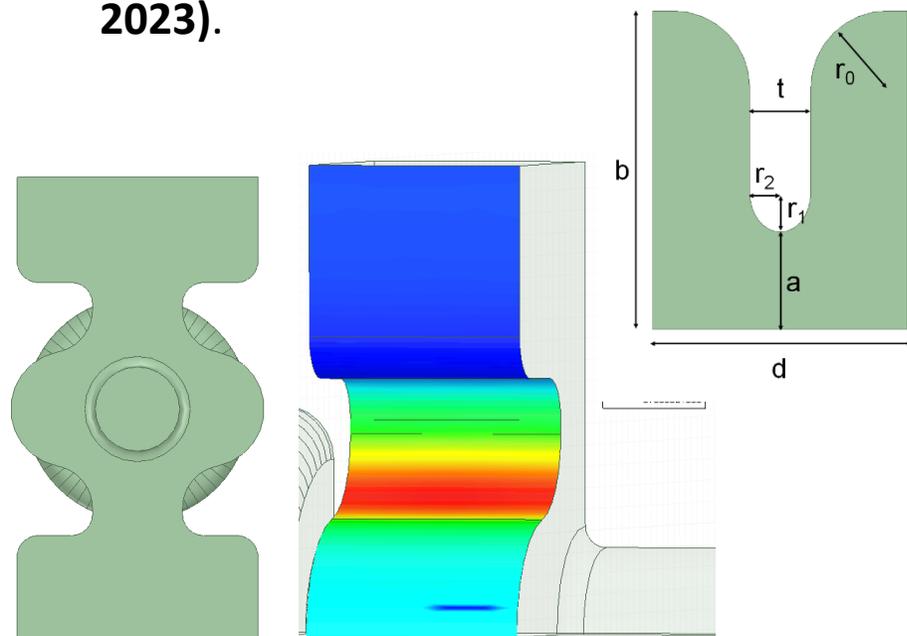
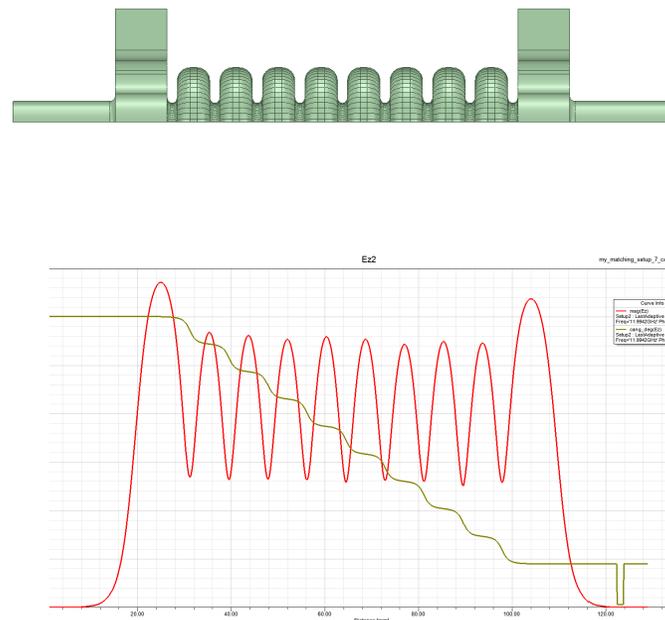


# X BAND STRUCTURES: PARAMETERS

- e.m. design: linear tapering of the irises, race track coupler to cancel the quadrupole field components (*PhD M. Diomedede*);**
- 0.9 m long structures with 3.5 mm average iris radius**
- 60 MV/m average accelerating field**
- Final full scale structure prototype (March 2023).**



Parameter	Value
Frequency [GHz]	11.9942
<b>Average acc. gradient [MV/m]</b>	<b>60</b>
Structures per module	4
Iris radius a (linear tapering) [mm] $\langle a \rangle = 3.5$	3.8-3.2
Tapering angle [deg]	0.04
<b>Structure length <math>L_s</math> [m]</b>	<b>0.9</b>
No. of cells	109
Shunt impedance R [ $M\Omega/m$ ]	94-107
Peak input power per structure [MW]	65
Input power averaged over the pulse [MW]	45
Average dissipated power [kW]	1
Filling time [ns]	126
Effective shunt Imp. $R_s$ [ $M\Omega/m$ ]	350
Peak Modified Poynting Vector [ $W/\mu m^2$ ]	3.5
Unloaded SLED/BOC Q-factor $Q_0$	150000
External SLED/BOC Q-factor $Q_E$	21000
<b>Required Kly power per module [MW]</b>	<b>37/19</b>
<b>RF pulse [<math>\mu s</math>]</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Klystron power (available) [MW]</b>	<b>50/25</b>
<b>Rep. Rate [Hz]</b>	<b>100</b>



$$R_s = \frac{G^2 L}{P_{kly}}$$

G=average accelerating gradient  
 L=structure length  
 $P_{kly}$ =klystron power (pre-sled pulse)

## TEX, AN X-BAND TEST FACILITY AT LNF

🕒 6 May 2022 📁 Featured, News



**TEX** (TEst stand for X-band) is the new infrastructure at LNF, co-funded by the **LATINO** project, devoted to the radiofrequency (RF) in X-band and, in general, to the development of all the technologies and systems related to a particle accelerator.

The X-band (11.994 GHz) is at present the most advanced RF technology, with demonstrated capability of providing accelerating gradients up to 100 MV/m and beyond.

TEX features measurement laboratories, assembly laboratories and a bunker for high power testing to characterize accelerating structures and validate them for the operation on future particle accelerators for medical, industrial and research applications. At this aim, TEX is directly involved in the LNF leading project [EuPRAXIA@SPARC\\_Lab](#) and CLIC at CERN.

The facility is accessible to external users, including national and international laboratories and companies. The open-access to TEX is one of the services offered by INFN to the external

community through [LATINO](#), a project approved and funded by the government of “Regione Lazio” aimed at promoting and increasing the technology transfer between research centres of excellence and the surrounding economic framework.



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