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The EuAPS betatron photon beam: ultra-bright light pulses for imaging and spectroscopy

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The EuPRAXIA Advanced Photon Sources (EuAPS) project, led by INFN in collaboration with CNR and the University of Rome Tor Vergata, foresees the construction of a laser-driven "betatron"X-ray user facility at the LNF SPARC_LAB laboratory [1]. EuAPS has received financial support from the Italian PNRR plan for the creation of a new research infrastructure.

While the EuPRAXIA@SPARC_LAB facility [2] will provide the Laboratori Nazionali di Frascati (LNF) with a unique combination of a high-brightness GeV-range electron beam accelerated by a state-of-the-art X-band RF linac, a 0.5 PW class laser system and an ultimate soft X-ray FEL light source [3] driven by a plasma accelerator, the EuAPS project, still using the plasma acceleration, will move in the direction of a pulsed X-ray beam having a continuous energy spectral range from soft to hard X-rays [4,5].

The foreseen applications of the betatron photon source [6], which include ultrafast, time-resolved imaging and spectroscopy measurements on a variety of samples, both biological and inorganic, providing information about their structure and dynamics will be described.

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Summary

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