

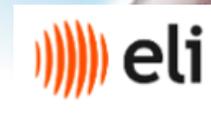
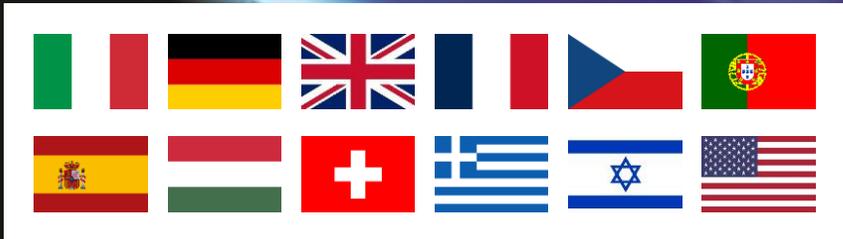
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# ELI-Beamlines as the candidate for the EuPRAXIA “LPA-based FEL” site

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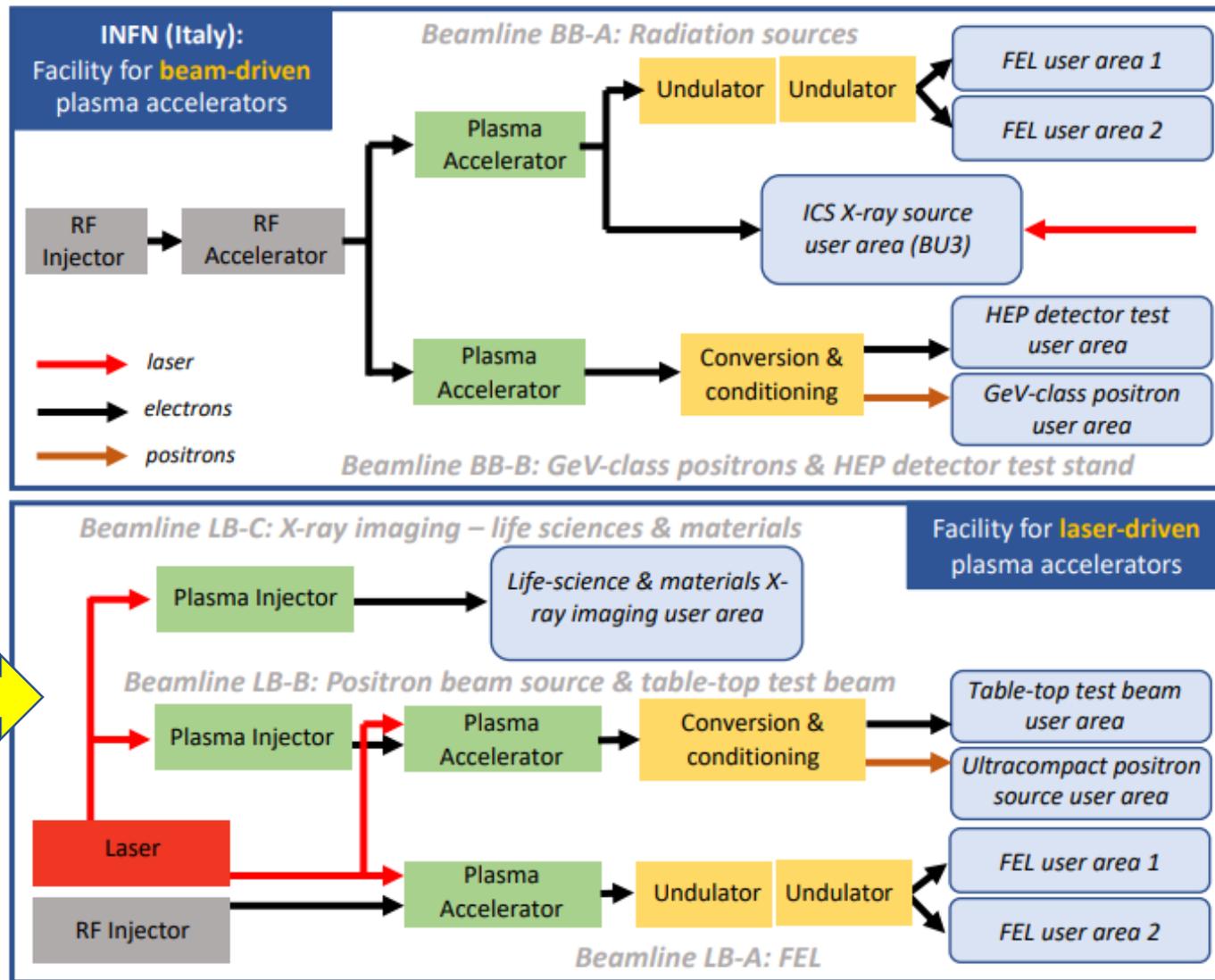


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	Laser-driven	Beam-driven
<b>Phase 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ FEL beamline to 1 GeV + user area 1</li> <li>✓ Ultracompact positron source beamline + positron user area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ FEL beamline to 1 GeV + user area 1</li> <li>✓ GeV-class positrons beamline + positron user area</li> </ul>
<b>Phase 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ X-ray imaging beamline + user area</li> <li>✓ Table-top test beams user area</li> <li>✓ FEL user area 2</li> <li>✓ FEL to 5 GeV</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ ICS source beamline + user area</li> <li>✓ HEP detector tests user area</li> <li>✓ FEL user area 2</li> <li>✓ FEL to 5 GeV</li> </ul>
<b>Phase 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ High-field physics beamline / user area</li> <li>✓ Other future developments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Medical imaging beamline / user area</li> <li>✓ Other future developments</li> </ul>

**Laser requirements:**  
**high-repetition rate (20-100Hz) nx100TW laser system**





Legal/Political	Technical	Financial
Compliance of host institution with <b>EuPRAXIA Access Policy</b>	Site provides sufficient <b>space</b> (about 175 m x 35 m) 	Commitment to <b>sustainability</b> of EuPRAXIA (host lab covers site operation costs)
Compliance of host institution with <b>EuPRAXIA Open Innovation and Open Science Policy</b>	Laboratory has <b>infrastructures</b> in one or several of RF accelerators, laser installations, user access. 	<b>Previous investments</b> into local infrastructures of relevance for EuPRAXIA (leverage effect) 
Agreement of host institution with the <b>long-term scientific agenda</b> of EuPRAXIA	Site provides required <b>services</b> and facilities for support of external users, including E infrastructure 	Existence of one or a mix of <b>funding sources</b> able to finance implementation of the site
Laboratory has existing groups in place to guarantee <b>safety</b> requirements (laser, radio-protection, access control) and rules 		<i>Note: approach reduces cost (pre-invest) and risks of cost-overrun.</i>
		 <b>ELI-Beamlines status as a candidate</b>

## 32.9 CAD Model of the Conceptual EuPRAXIA Facility Layout

Some example screenshots of the CAD model of the proposed EuPRAXIA facility layout are shown below. The current model is conceptual, but will form a basis for the detailed technical layout to be developed in the next phase of EuPRAXIA. The full CAD model is available upon request.

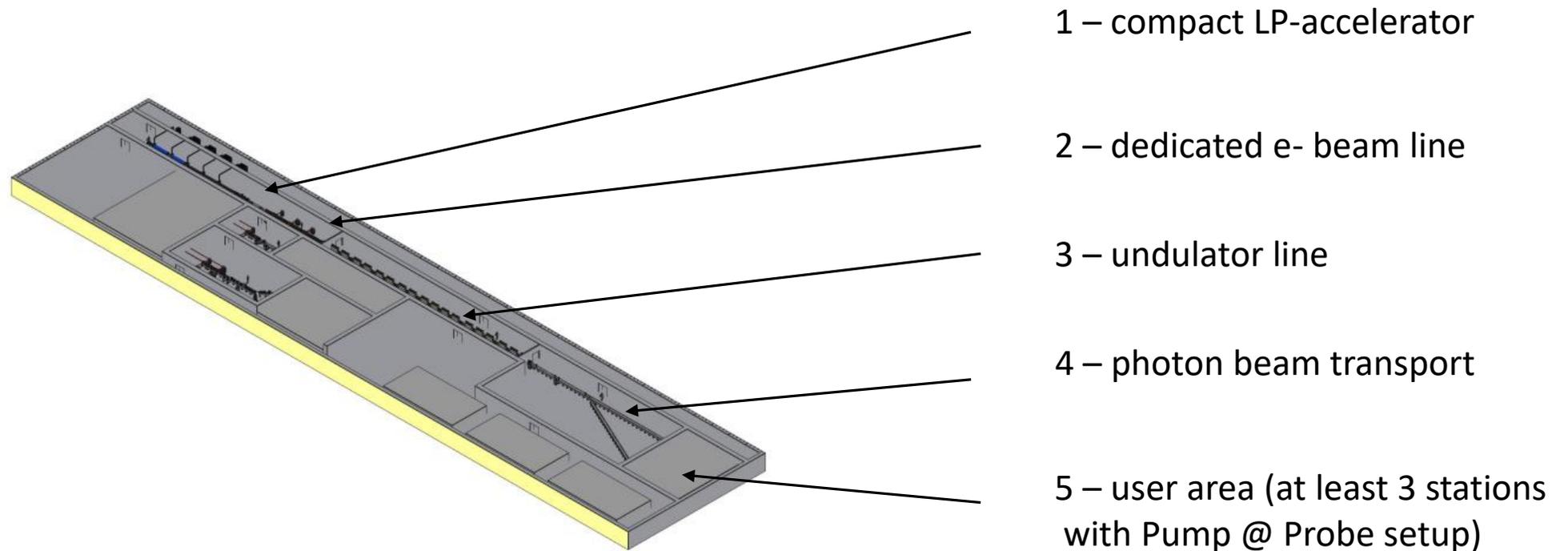


Figure 32.27: Screenshot of the CAD model of the proposed EuPRAXIA facility layout. Here, the laser-driven plasma acceleration construction site is shown in a perspective view.



ELI Beamlines explores the interaction of light with matter at intensities 10 times higher than previously achievable.

4 PW class laser systems, 4 support lasers

7 Secondary sources – EUV - X-rays, Electron and Ion Accelerators

10 User stations

- 350 international staff
- Area 31,000 m<sup>2</sup>
- Structural Dynamics
- Particle Acceleration and Applications
- HED Physics and ICF
- High Field Physics

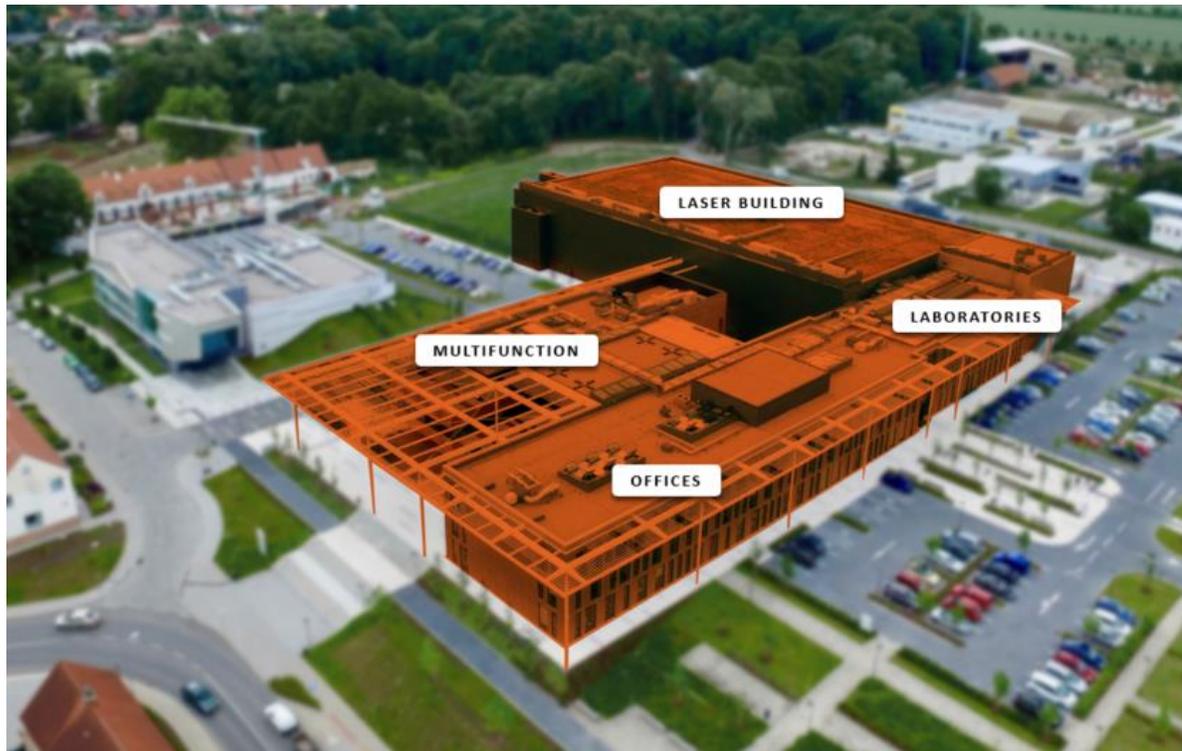


ELI-Beamlines is located in Dolni Brezany, near Prague

<https://www.eli-beams.eu/>

By car:

15 min from the Prague Airport



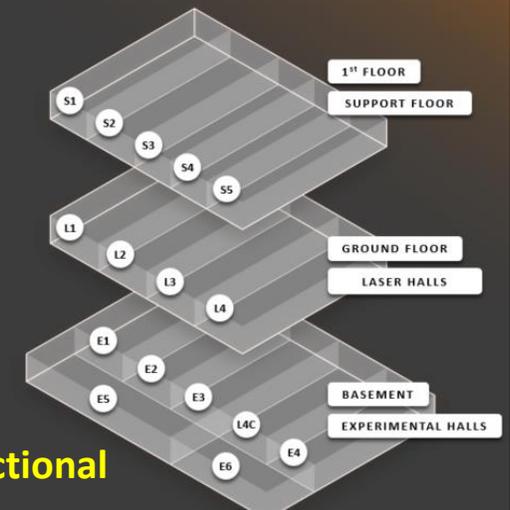
**ELI-Beamlines facility (near Prague)**

**Laser building**  
18 000 m<sup>2</sup> Cleanrooms

**Support Rooms**  
Includes a coating facility, vacuum testing lab, user labs, and cooling systems and capacitors for lasers.

**Laser Halls**  
Comprises four large state-of-the-art laser systems.

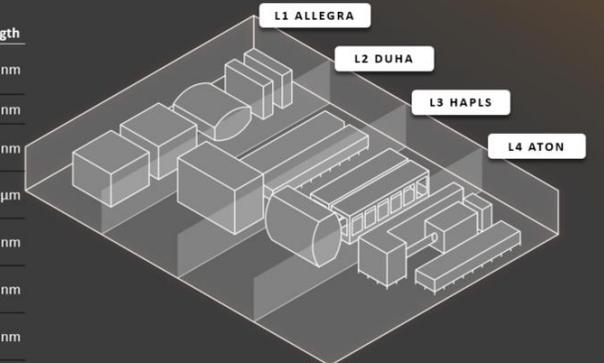
**Experimental Halls**  
Consists of six experimental halls, along with a 10 PW compressor and a Pulse Distribution System.



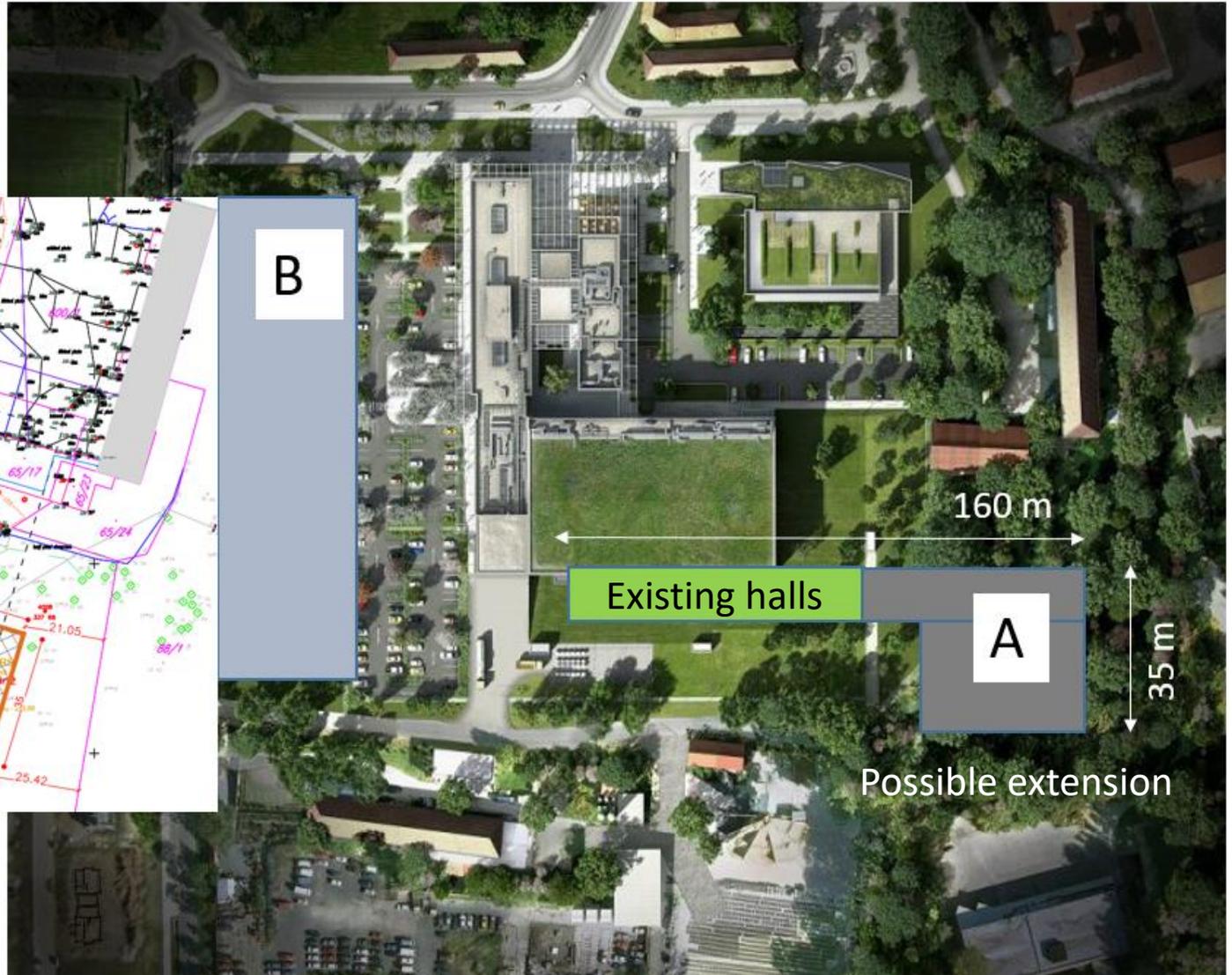
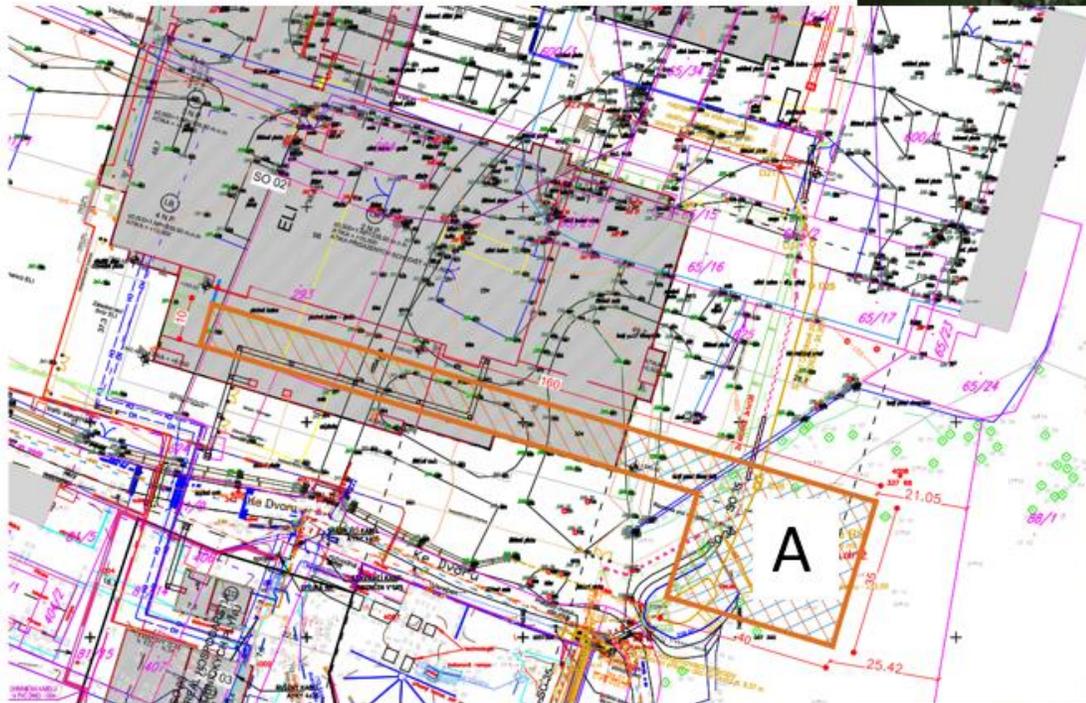
**Infrastructure is FULLY functional**

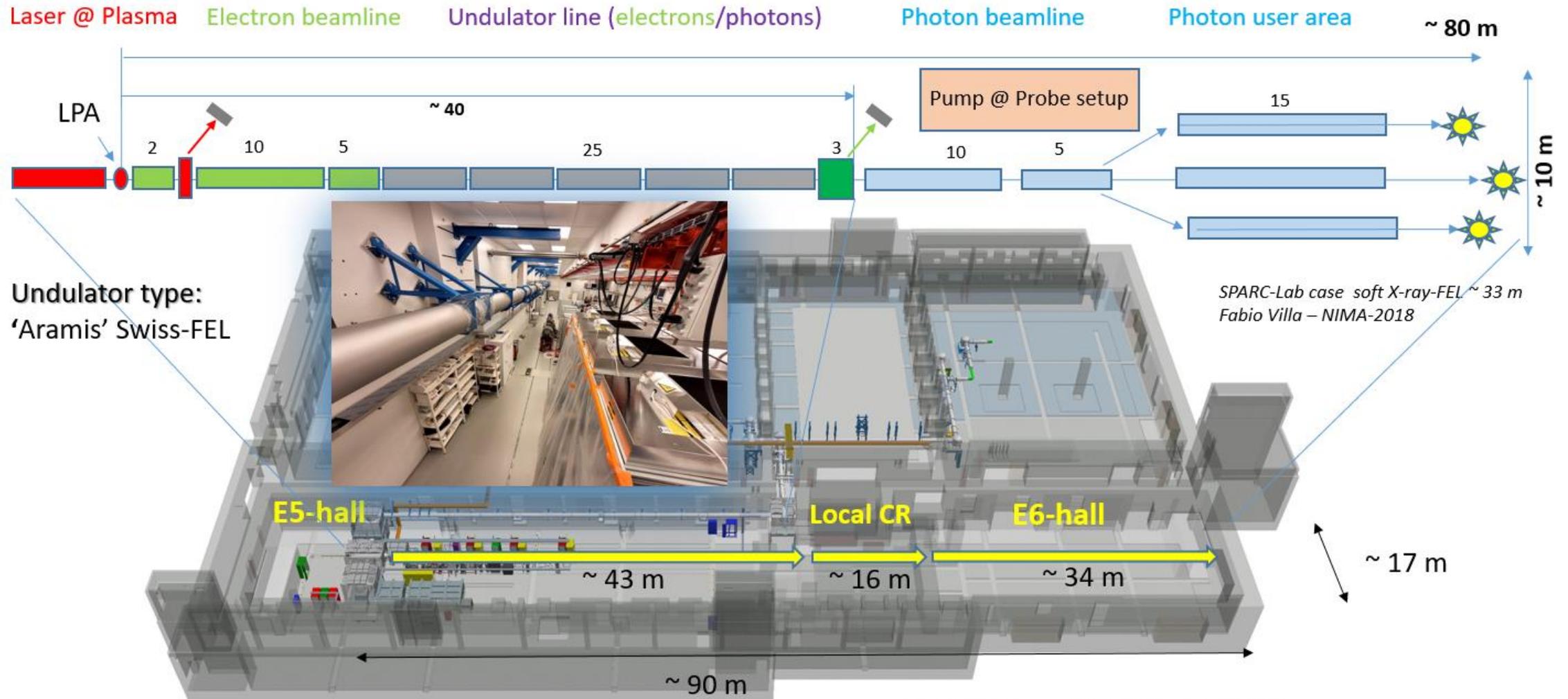
### Laser Floor

Laser System	Power	Energy	Rep Rate	Pulse Duration	Wavelength
L1 ALLEGRA	5 TW	100 mJ	1 kHz	15 fs	800 nm
		10 mJ	1 kHz	<20 fs	800 nm
L2 DUHA	100 TW	2 J	50 Hz	20 fs	820 nm
		5 mJ	2 kHz	30 fs	2.2 μm
L3 HAPLS	1 PW	>30 J	10 Hz	28 fs	850 nm
L4 ATON	10 PW	1.8 kJ	0.016 Hz	150 fs	1055 nm
		1 PW	150 J	0.016 Hz	150 fs
		1.5 kJ	0.016 Hz	0.5-10 ns	10505 nm

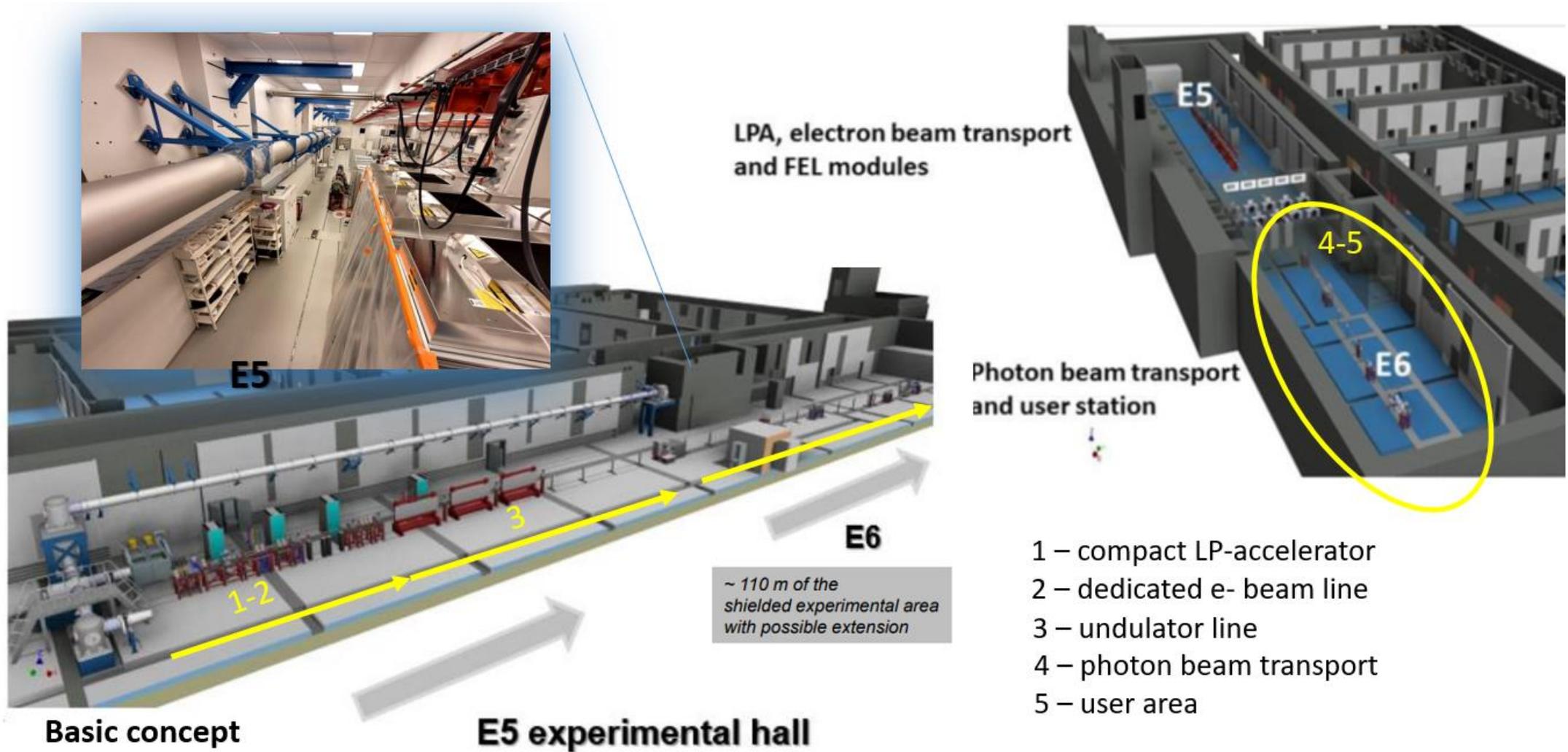


Option A → **extension** of **EXISTING** facility  
 Option B → **NEW** facility





**EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE at ELI-Beamlines**

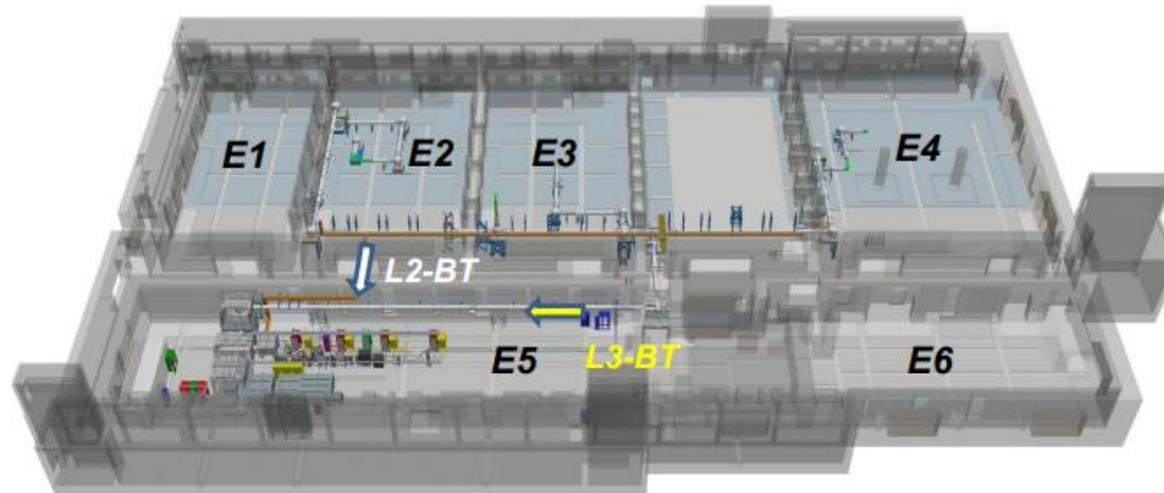


**L3-laser beam transport ( ~ 90 m long)** is fully in operation with an ability to be used in E3/E4/E5 halls  
**L2-laser beam transport** to the E5-LUIS experimental area is under preparation (plan: 3Q-2024)



Lasers	Energy	Pulse	Rep Rate	STATUS
L2 "Amos"	3 → 5 J	< 30 fsec	10 → 25 (50) Hz	In progress
L3 "HAPLS"	30 J	30 fsec	3.3 → 10 Hz	In progress 2019: 16 J / 3.3 Hz

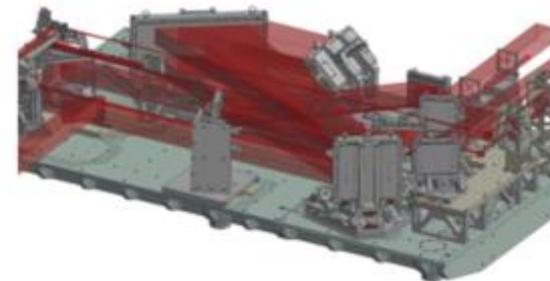
**L3-to-E5 and L2-to-E5:**  
**LUIS development (undulator radiation)**  
 Electron Beam Acceleration platform



## L2-DUHA laser system, dedicated to LUIS (in collaboration with STFC/UK)



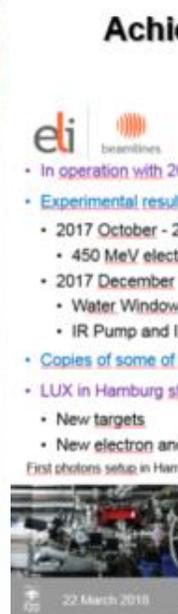
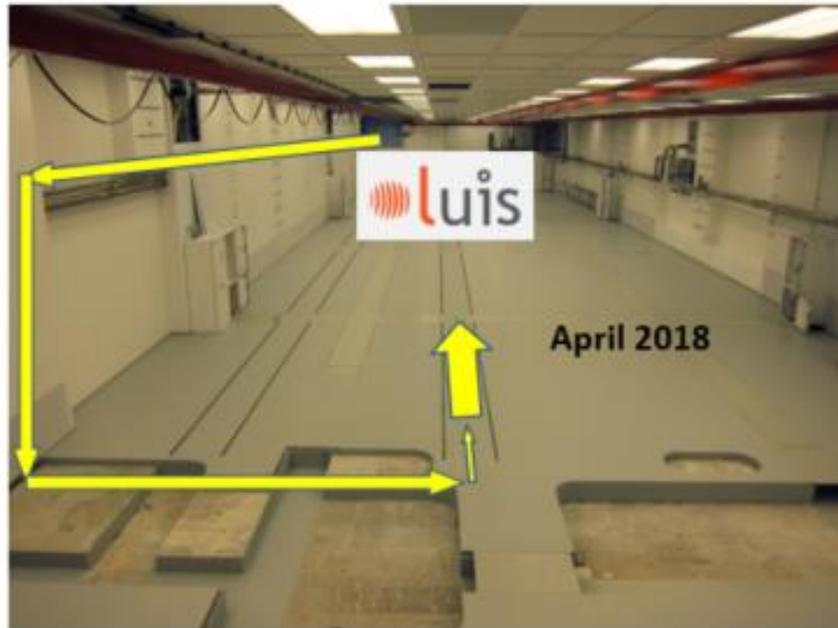
- Cryogenic helium-cooled pump laser using diode-pumped Yb:YAG slabs
- Designed for 50 Hz operation, currently at 20 Hz due to pump laser diodes
- Incorporates an OPCPA short-pulse chain
- Output pulses of 3 J with a duration of 25 fs
- Serves as the driver for a laser-driven XFEL testbed station
- Offers an auxiliary MID-IR (2.2  $\mu\text{m}$ ) beam
- Currently in the final phase of integration and testing
- Compressed pulses expected to be available in 2024



Credit: [Bedrich Rus](#)

- LUIS at ELI-Beamlines → LWFA-based undulator incoherent/coherent photon radiation source
- based on the LUX development at DESY (UHH/ELI-Beamlines)
  - based on a novel high-repetition rate high-power laser system (L2-DUHA)

E5-Hall at ELI-Beamlines





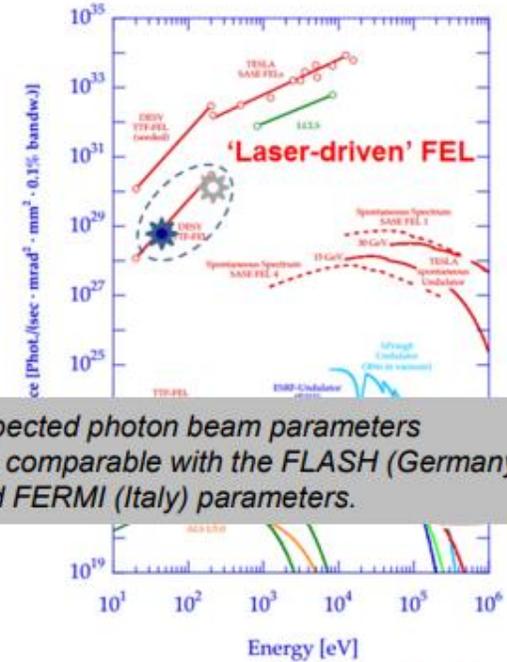
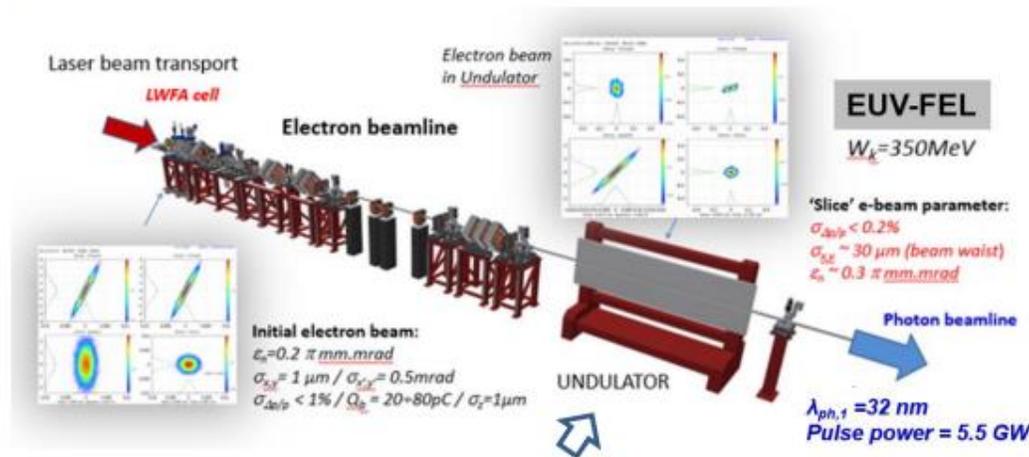
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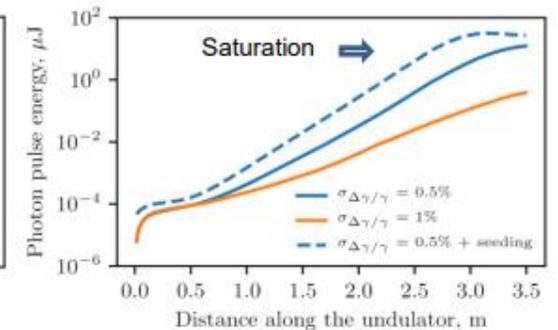
$E_k$   
 $\lambda_{ph}$   
 $P_e$

## LUIS: coherent photon radiation from EUV to hard X-ray

- (1) Upgrade of the electron beam transport to get the electron beam parameters, suitable for EUV FEL (producing incoherent photon radiation for users)  
 $W_e \sim 300 \div 600$  MeV

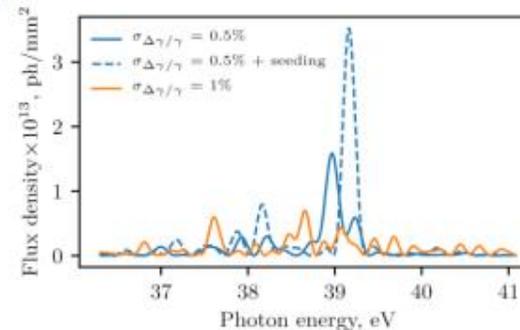


Repetition rate: 3 Hz (L3) → 25 Hz (L2)



- (2) Replace compact undulator by a single-unit FEL undulator  
 $W_e \sim 350$  MeV

'In-vacuum' hybrid PM planar  
→ SwissFEL type

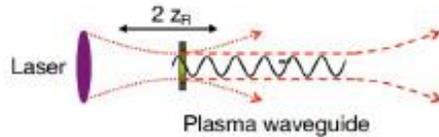


2022-2023: L3 laser  
2024: L2 laser



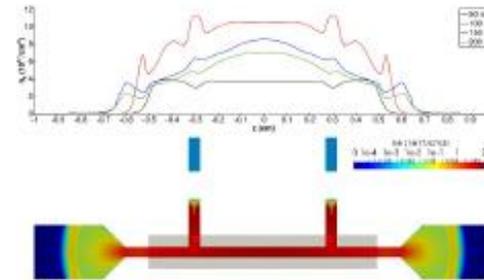
## Test setup in LUIS-Lab: discharge in the Sapphire capillary

### Plasma sources as waveguides

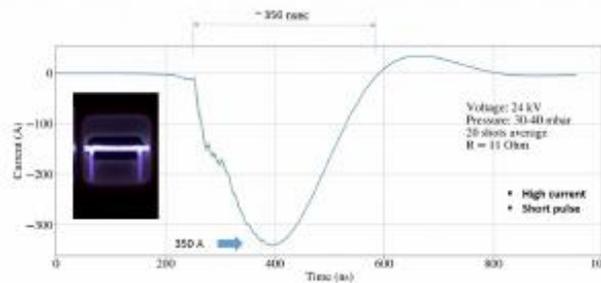


### Advantages:

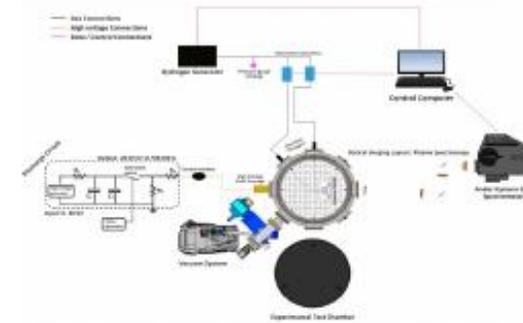
- o overcome the diffraction limit
- o increasing the LWFA acceleration length
- o **reduce required laser pulse energy**
- o **use high repetition rate of the laser**
- o improve stability of LWFA using capillary
- o active plasma lens with the magnetic field gradient  $\sim 400$  T/m



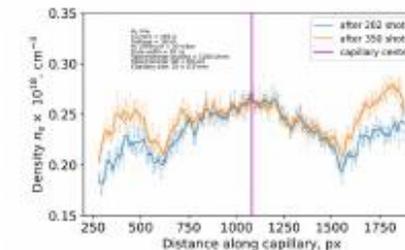
Modelling of the discharge plasma formation in the capillary (ELI-BL/KIAM collaboration)



Plasma channel in the Sapphire capillary, created at ELI-Beamlines



Plasma diagnostics setup in the LUIS-Lab, using the emission spectroscopy



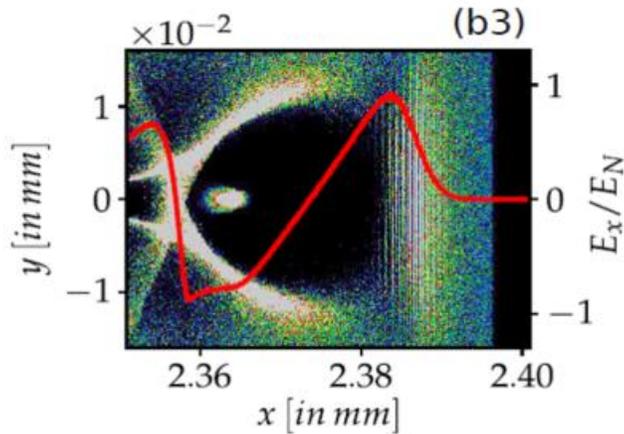
Plasma density characterization along the channel ( $I = 200$  A)

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PIC modeling of the laser-plasma interaction and electron beam acceleration  
**Motivation: high-quality high-energy electron beam, suitable for LPA-based FEL**

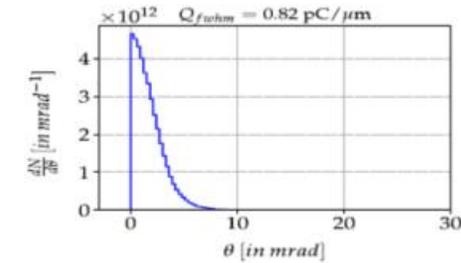
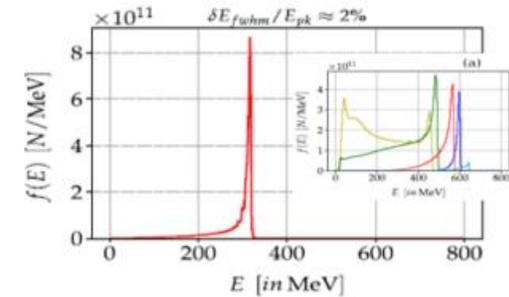
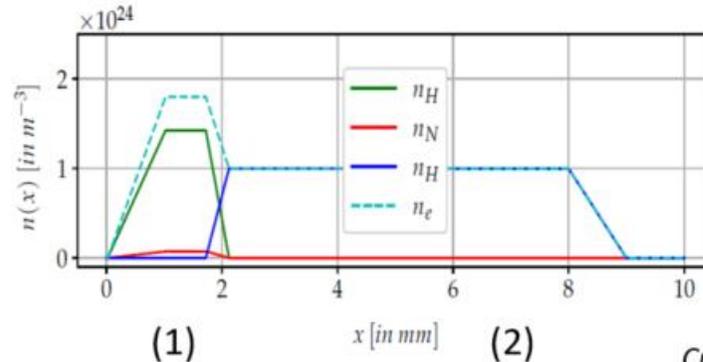
Table: Simulation Parameters ( $I_0 = 1.0 \times 10^{19} \text{ W/cm}^2$ ;  $P_L = 51 \text{ TW}$ )

Wavelength ( $\lambda_L$ )	Spot size ( $w_{fwhm}$ )	Pulse duration ( $\tau_{fwhm}$ )	$I_0$ ( $\text{W/cm}^2$ )
$0.8 \mu\text{m}$	$30 \mu\text{m}$	30 fs	$1.0 \times 10^{19}$
Laser frequency ( $\omega_L$ )	Laser energy ( $E_L$ )	$a_0$	Power ( $P_L$ )
$2.35 \times 10^{15} \text{ Hz}$	1.53 J	2.16	$51 \times 10^{12} \text{ W}$
Hydrogen density in plaua ( $n_p$ )	Net mixed density ( $n_m$ )	Percentage of mixer	$\omega_L/\omega_p$
$(1.0 - 1.5) \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$	$(1.5 - 2.0) \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$	95% + 5% of $n_m$	33



### Staging approach in the gas-cell

- (1) Self-truncated injection
- (2) Acceleration



Energy  $\sim 300$  (up to 600) MeV  
 Spread (FWHM)  $\sim 2\%$   
 Divergence (FWHM)  $\sim 2$  mrad  
 Bunch charge  $\sim 15$  pC

Credit: [S.Maity](#)

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## PRE-INVESTED BUDGET

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ELI-beamlines building (offices, labs, halls)	Total: ~ 100 MEur
<b>L2-LUIS technology</b>	
L2-laser hall (including relevant technology)	~ 5 MEur
L2-DUHA laser	~ 5.5 MEur
L2-to-E5 laser beam transport	~ 1.5 MEur
E5 experimental hall @ Local Control Room (including vacuum, cooling, cabling, gases, compressed air, CS, MSI, PSS, Radiation-MS)	~ 10 MEur
E5 LUIS technology	~ 2.5 MEur
<b>(L2-Hall) + (E5-Hall) + (L2-Laser) + (L2-BT) + LUIS</b>	<b>~ 25 MEur</b>

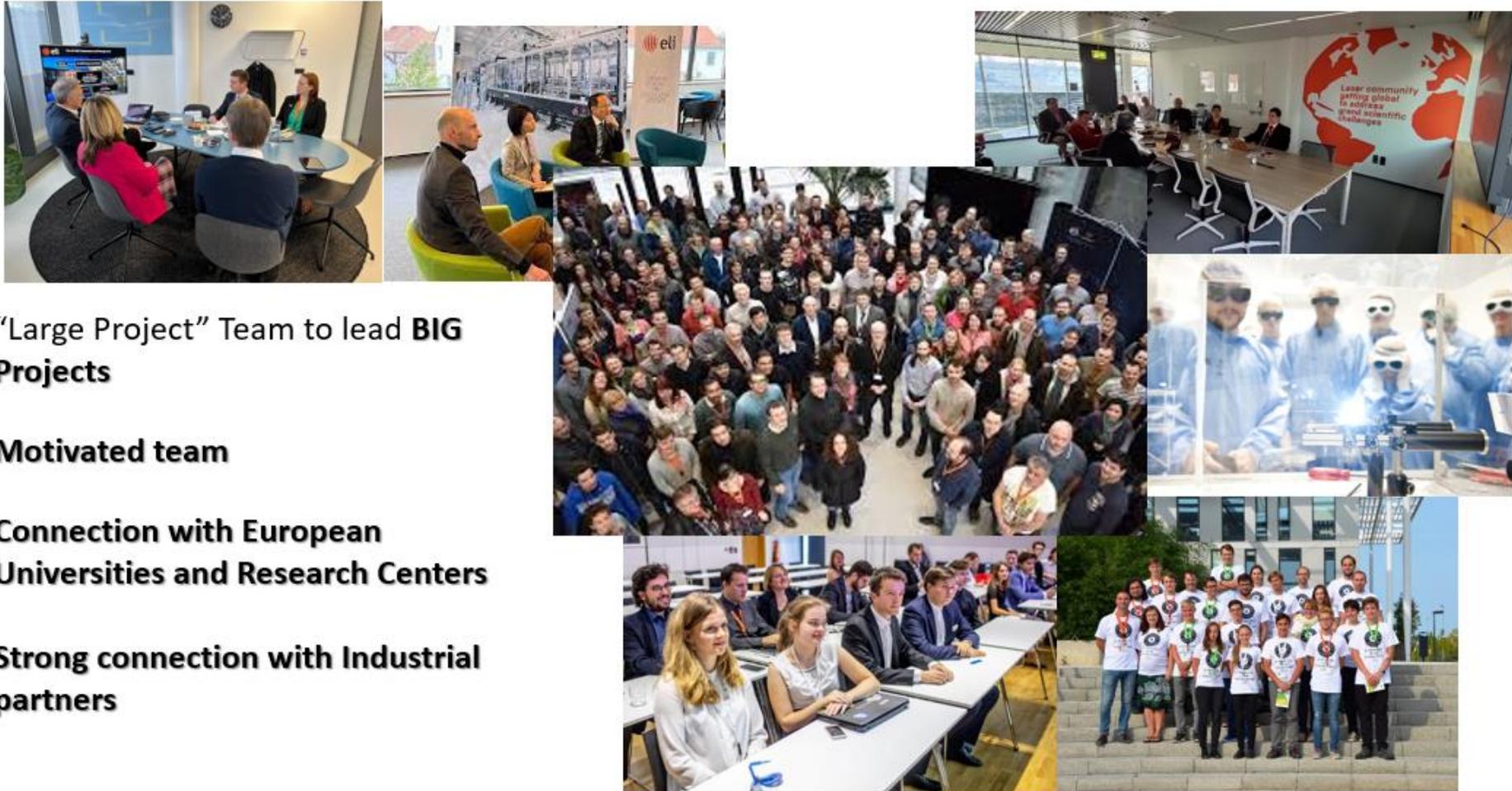


**L2-hall and DUHA-Laser**



**E5-hall and LUIS**

## PRE-INVESTMENT in strong teaming



- ✓ “Large Project” Team to lead **BIG Projects**
- ✓ **Motivated team**
- ✓ **Connection with European Universities and Research Centers**
- ✓ **Strong connection with Industrial partners**

**REQUIRED EXTRA Investment and Time**



Building	Budget estimation	Time Schedule
E5+E6	~ 2 MEur	~ 2 years
Control Room, Engineering, Safety (E5+E6)	~ 4 MEur	~ 2.5 years
Laser-L2 (upgrade to 100 Hz)	~ 2 MEur	~ 1.5 year (L2-hall)
E-beam line	~ 2 MEur	~ 2 years (location: E5)
Undulator line	~ 20 MEur (HPMU)	~ + 2.5 years (location: E5)
Photon beam lines → 3 user end-stations	~ 6 MEur	~ + 2 years (location: E6)
<b>TOTAL Investment</b>	<b>~ 36 MEur</b>	<b>Commissioning in 4-5 years *</b>

*\* from beginning of financing*

Required extra **NON-Investment** (personal and operational cost)

○ <b>Operation</b> (electricity incl. laser + maintenance and materials)	~ 1.5 MEur/year and 2 MEur/year → 3.5 MEur/year
○ <b>Personal</b> (50 FTE including support teams)	~ 3 MEur / year
<b>TOTAL NON-Investment</b>	<b>~ 6 – 7 MEur/year</b>

## Option-A (very rough estimation)

Extension of E6 hall → extra 60 meters length

→ **Budget estimation for E6 extension**

permission @ TDR ~ 10% (NON-invest) of total budget → 1.5 year  
underground work ~ **11 MEur** (Invest) → 2 years

→ **Finalization of extended infrastructure (shielding, engineering) ~ 20 MEur**

→ **Budget for other key components → TBD**

## Science Goals

Goal	Eupraxia Flagship Science Goals	ELI Beamlines Excellence Centre Contribution
G1	Free-electron laser (FEL) X-rays with $10^9$ - $10^{13}$ photons per pulse (0.2 nm to 36 nm)	LPA-based undulator radiation soft X-ray source
G2	Betatron X-rays ( $10^{10}$ photons/pulse, <u>rep.rate</u> up to 100 Hz, energy 5-18 keV) for the medical research	Operation of Betatron X-ray source
G4	Electron and positron beams from a few 100 MeV up to 5 GeV for High-Energy-Physics-related R&D	High-energy LPA-based electron beams (up to 10 GeV)
G5	Photons from an inverse Compton scattering (600MeV photons)	Development of <u>Gammatron</u> beamline based on ICS in E2 experimental hall
G7	Access to cutting-edge laser technology with short pulse length in combination with high-energy photon pulses and short electron/positron bunches.	Multi-discipline user-oriented Facility Expertise in pump-probe scheme on high rep rated applications as well as high energy sources



- Operate cutting edge, high-power femtosecond laser systems
- Explore interaction of light with matter (plasma) at ultrahigh laser intensities
- Offer secondary sources (X-rays and accelerated particles: electron and proton beams) with unique capabilities to users
- Enable pioneering research in plasma physics, nuclear fusion, laboratory astrophysics, material science, biology, chemistry, medicine with strong multidisciplinary application potential

### ELI Beamlines as EuPRAXIA Excellence Centre

Incubator for the Application of Novel Accelerator Technology to Laser Science Users

# ELI-Beamlines as the candidate for the EuPRAXIA “LPA-based FEL” site

How we are planning to reach the EuPRAXIA goal at ELI-Beamlines:

in COLLABORATION with the EuPRAXIA community

→ EuPRAXIA workshop at ELI-Beamlines (October 2, 2023)



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION