



**Opificio  
delle  
Pietre Dure**



## **Compact accelerators: MACHINA**

# **Movable Accelerator for Cultural Heritage In-situ Non-destructive Analysis**

Leonardo - Codex Atlanticus

**Mirko Massi**  
on behalf of MACHINA collaboration



## **TERZA GIORNATA ACCELERATORI**

**INFN-LNF  
4-5 APRIL 2024**

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Over the years, hundreds of crucial applications  
of IBA to Cultural Heritage

Look for example:

IBA AND Cultural Heritage

IBA AND Paintings

IBA and Jewels

IBA and Gold

...



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- 2024 (6)
- 2023 (26)
- 2022 (27)
- 2021 (22)
- 2020 (33)
- 2019 (32)
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- 2017 (29)
- 2016 (14)
- 2015 (38)
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- 2006 (13)
- 2005 (22)
- 2004 (19)
- 2003 (2)
- 2002 (5)
- 2001 (3)
- 2000 (5)

461 results

But as IBA are so important for CH, why over the time only hundreds  
instead of thousand or more applications?

Because artworks are to be moved from the Museum or  
Restoration Laboratory to the accelerator

And moving artworks is:

- Expensive
- Time consuming
- Always difficult
- Sometimes impossible (e.g. frescoes, fragile artworks or big paintings)

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IN SITU measurements are more appealing than those in the accelerator labs and are getting more and more diffused over the time, see for example.

IBA and in-situ measurements for Cultural Heritage:  
only at AGLAE in Paris (Louvre)  
an IBA laboratory is present close to the conservation site



The idea: a **movable IBA system** for *in-situ* measurements, to use at the Opificio delle Pietre Dure in Florence (a world leader for art conservation)

A realistic compromise between a “perfect” and a “transportable” tool for compositional diagnostics, to try and solve the problems of conservation

## The challenge

**Maintaining performances comparable to those that can be obtained with *standard* accelerators for the standard analyses in CH with the additional *heavy* constraints:**

- **Low power consumption**
- **Low weight**
- **Small form factor**
- **Low emissivity**
- **Low cost**
- **Transportable**



*Ministero dei Beni e delle Attività Culturali e del Turismo*

OPIFICIO DELLE PIETRE DURE-FIRENZE

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Pietre Dure (OPD)\* in Florence believe that the project presented by CERN and INFN plays a strategic role in the future of diagnostics applied to the cultural heritage field. The Opificio delle Pietre Dure, therefore, strongly supports the huge importance of such scientific and technological development.

The project aiming to create a new tool for diagnostic investigations, based on a transportable accelerator, will, in future, provide answers so far impossible to achieve by in situ analysis.

A portable accelerator constitutes an achievement of high scientific value and the OPD is strongly convinced that it constitutes a major breakthrough in the world of diagnostics and thus a valuable help for us.

\*The Opificio delle Pietre Dure is a public institute of the MIBACT (Italian Ministry for Cultural Heritage).

Florence, February 6th 2017



Marco Ciatti

# IAEA endorsement to the MACHINA project



Atoms for Peace

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Coordinator  
INFN Division of Florence  
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ITALY

Dear Dr. Anelli and Dr. Chiari,

With this letter I am very pleased to confirm the interest of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in the project "RFQ-PIXE" presented by CERN and INFN.

I believe that the project, based on the development of a portable proton accelerator, will play a strategic role in the future of accelerator-related analytical techniques applied to the cultural heritage field, allowing in-situ analyses so far impossible to achieve by other portable instrumentation.

The IAEA is strongly convinced that a portable accelerator constitutes an innovative diagnostic tool that could be easily deployed in many developing Member States. The IAEA, therefore, strongly supports such scientific and technological development.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralf Kaiser".

Professor Ralf Kaiser  
Section Head

## AGLAE endorsement to the MACHINA project

Monsieur,

**Carrousel:  
Laboratoire**  
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Porte des Lions  
de Faïe Flore  
Escalier de l'horloge  
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En tant que chef du département recherche du Centre de Recherche et de Restauration des Musées de France, je tiens à vous apporter tout mon soutien ainsi que celui de l'équipe AGLAE au projet PIXE-RFQ.

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Dès 1988 le C2RMF a conçu un système d'analyse basé sur un accélérateur de particules dédié aux objets du patrimoine culturel dans les sous-sols du palais du Louvre. Depuis, l'équipe AGLAE n'a eu de cesse de développer et d'optimiser la ligne de faisceau extrait pour une caractérisation totale des matériaux anciens aux propriétés et aux contraintes si particulières. Le projet Equipex New AGLAE, actuellement en cours, s'inscrit dans la même dynamique et l'un de ses objectifs majeurs consiste à concevoir et mettre en œuvre un multi-détecteur PIXE-PIGE-RBS-IBIL capable d'effectuer de l'imagerie chimique systématique. Celui-ci est opérationnel depuis 2012 et les outils de traitement de données et d'image sont actuellement en cours de développement.

**Flore :**  
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L'une des limites actuelles concernent les objets que l'on ne peut déplacer et amener à AGLAE, tels que certains objets de collections de musées trop lourds ou volumineux, ou des éléments de monuments historiques (sculptures, retables, carreaux de parement, sarcophages...). Concevoir un « AGLAE transportable » sur un site du patrimoine culturel est alors un défi qu'il est très intéressant de relever.



Si votre projet voit le jour, l'équipe AGLAE s'engage à apporter ses connaissances et ses compétences dans la réalisation d'un système de détection réunissant plusieurs techniques d'analyse par faisceau d'ions.

Je reste à votre entière disposition pour toute information complémentaire et vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments les meilleurs.



Michel Menu  
Chef du Département Recherche

## AMC endorsement to the MACHINA project

10 March 2017

Dept of Medical Biology, Academic Medical Center,  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands



**To:** KT Fund Selection Committee, CERN.

**Subject:** Letter of support for the *PIXE-RFQ* project.

Dear members of the Selection Committee,

With this letter, we would like to express our strong support for the *Design & construction of a transportable RFQ for PIXE analysis (PIXE-RFQ)* project. Beyond its potential to revolutionize the accessibility of PIXE analysis technology, this project is uniquely positioned to overcome an important obstacle in basic research on biomolecular effects of proton radiation.

Should *PIXE-RFQ* be approved by CERN, we expect that the resulting design can become the foundation for our bioresearch-oriented system. Our team is a broad coalition of industry and leading scientists from multiple disciplines, our research questions are timely and relevant. We are thus confident that based on the *PIXE-RFQ* design our project has a considerable chance for success. This would not only enable basic investigations of high relevance in cancer research, but also open exciting avenues for utilization of the mini-RFQ design developed by CERN.

With best regards,  
Przemek Krawczyk, PhD,  
on behalf of the project team:

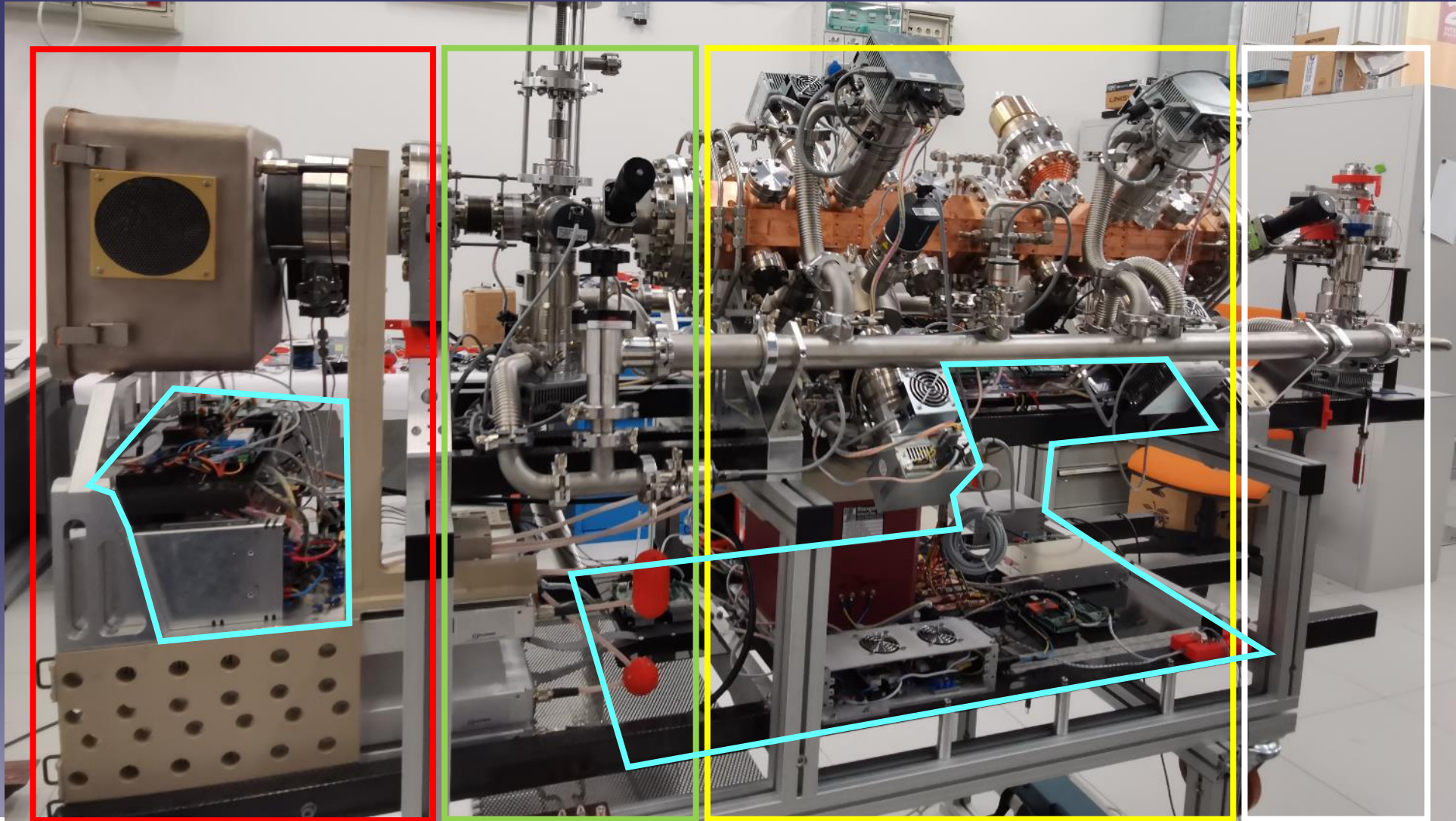
# THE WHOLE SYSTEM

**SOURCE**

**LEBT**

**RFQ ACCELERATOR**

**HEBT**



## Accelerator:

- Source, LEBT and HEBT: 1.5 m x 1 m, 1 kW, 400 kg
- 2 HF-RFQ accelerating cavities: 1 m x 0.4 m, 100 kg mass
- *Accelerator system: 500 kg, 2.5 m x 1 m, 1 kW*

## Ancillaries:

- RFQ Power supplies: *860 kg, 2.5 m x 1 m, 14 kW*

## MACHINA SYSTEM

- 7 independent elements on wheels, can be moved separately
- overall footprint: less than 10 m<sup>2</sup>
- Mass ~1400 kg
- Power absorption about 16 kW

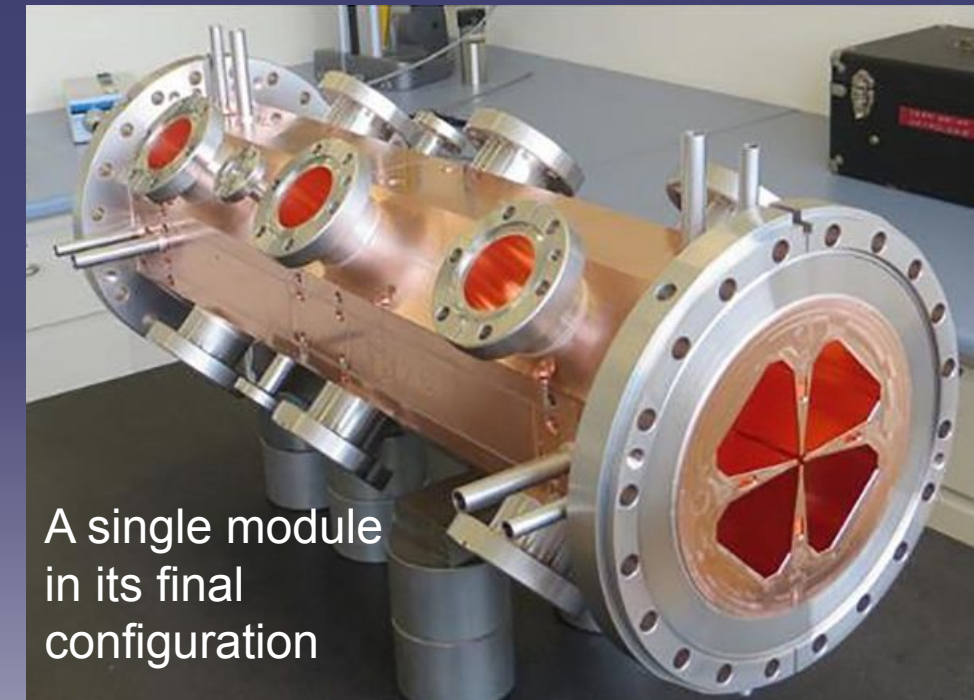
## CERN RFQ



**Radio-safe!**

- 1 meter long, compact and low cost
- 20 keV input energy, for a compact proton source
- 2 MeV beam: Ok for PIXE, below 2.17 MeV  
( $E_{th} \text{ } ^{65}\text{Cu}(p,n)^{65}\text{Zn}$ ), negligible gamma ray production
- 5 nA maximum average current, 200 nA peak current  
(challenging parameter – nondestructive, pileup,...)
- 0.5 mm exit beam diameter
- 8 keV energy spread
- Ultra low power:  
less than 6 kVA for the RFQ

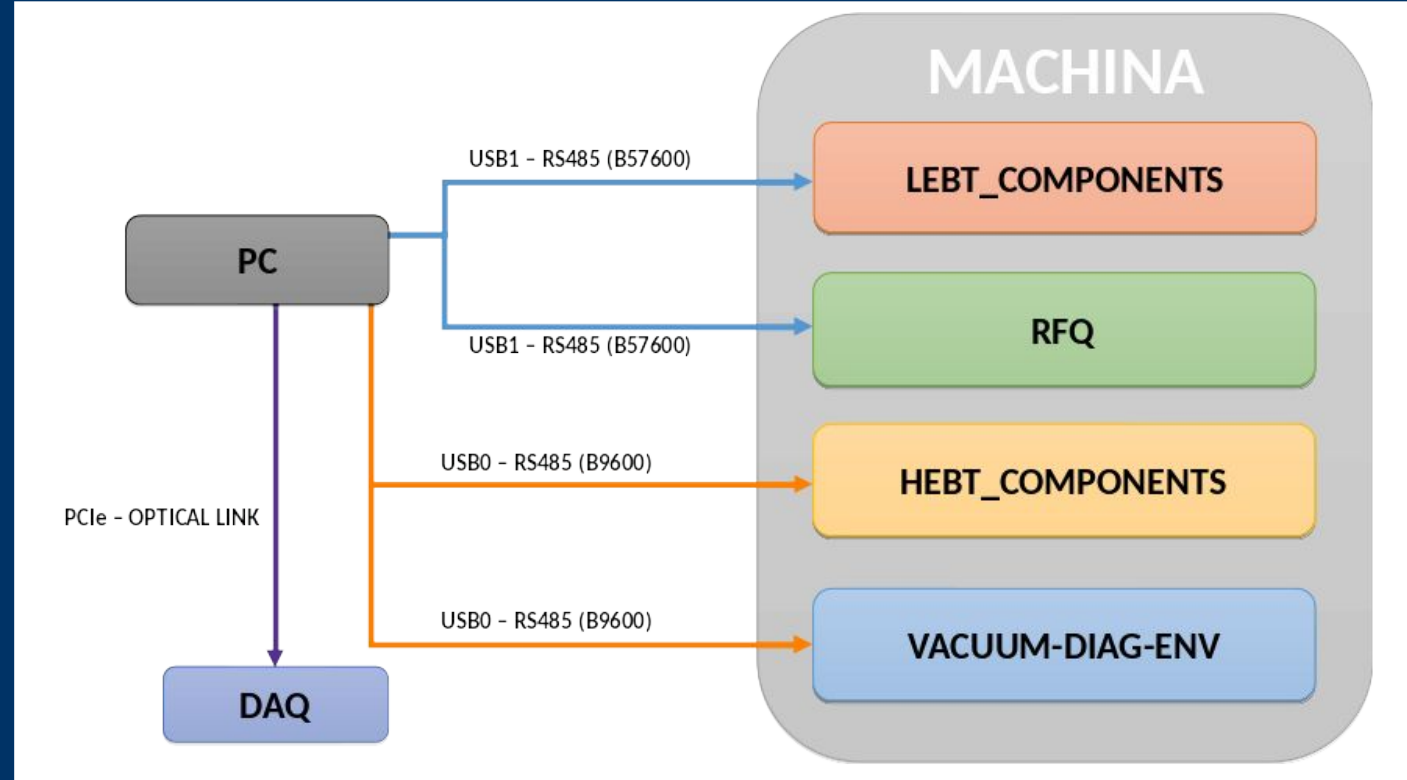
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| RF Frequency (MHz)                 | 750    |
| Length (mm)                        | 1073   |
| Number of modules                  | 2      |
| Input Energy (keV)                 | 20     |
| Output Energy (MeV)                | 2      |
| Average Current (nA)               | 5      |
| Peak Current (μA)                  | 0.2    |
| Repetition Rate (Hz)               | 200    |
| Pulse Duration (μs)                | 125    |
| Duty Cycle (%) (Max.)              | 2.5    |
| Vane Voltage (kV)                  | 35     |
| Min Aperture (mm)                  | 0.7    |
| Max Modulation                     | 2.0    |
| Beam axis/tip dist. (av.)(Ro) (mm) | 1.439  |
| Vane tip radius (Rho) (mm)         | 1.439  |
| Min. modulation rad. (Rhol) (mm)   | 1.709  |
| Transmission (%)                   | 30     |
| Output Beam Size (mm) (Total)      | ± 0.25 |
| Accep.(π mrad mm) (Total norm.)    | 0.2    |
| Energy Spread (keV) (FWHM)         | 8      |
| RF Peak Power (kW)                 | 80     |
| RF Efficiency (%)                  | 35     |
| Coupler number (#)                 | 1      |



A single module  
in its final  
configuration



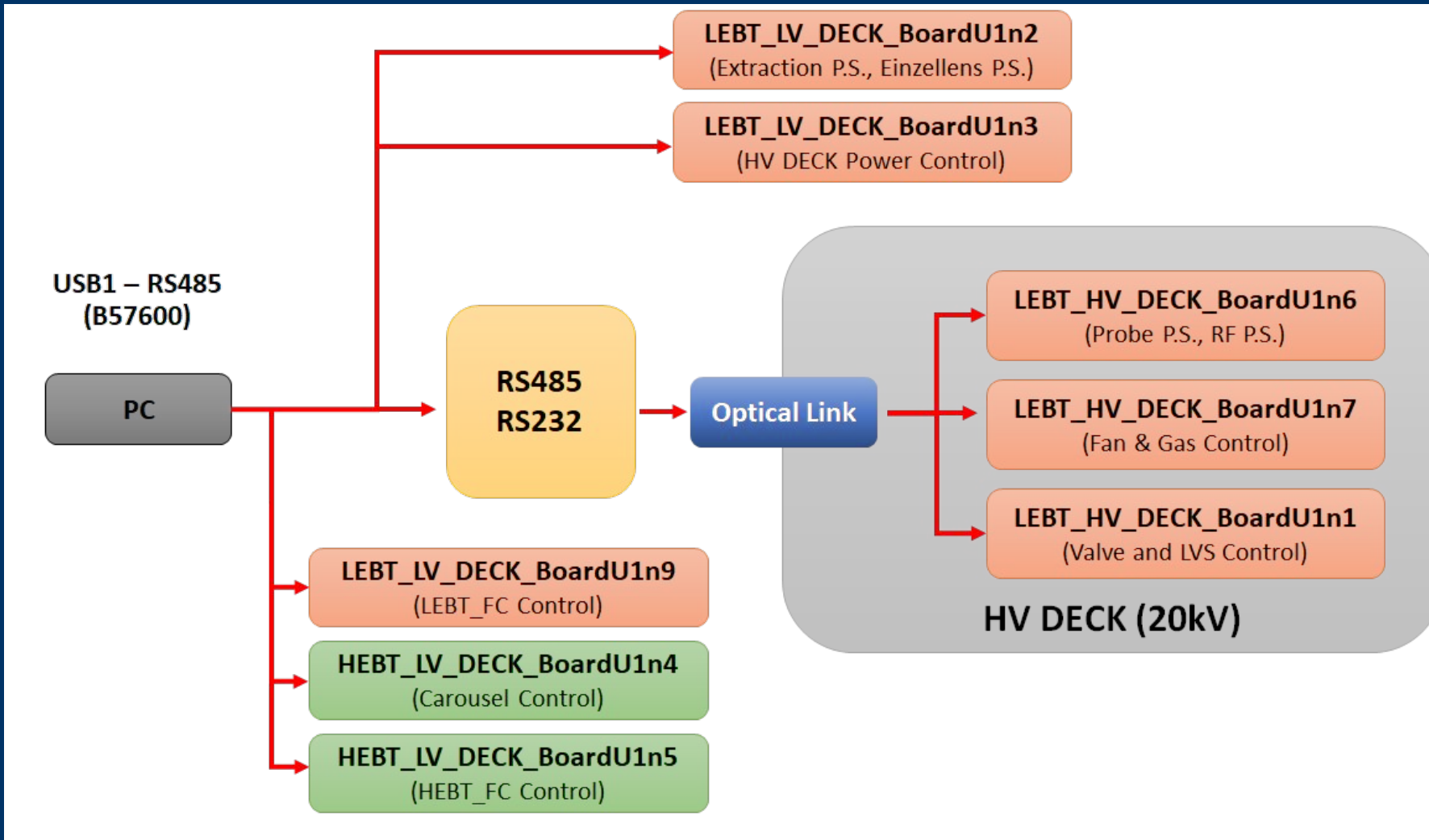
## Scheme of the MACHINA Communication Channels



The two USB-RS485 lines allow interacting with the controllers of all the elements of MACHINA (Arduino, turbopump controller)

- LEBT\_COMPONENTS: source and low energy beam transport components
- RFQ: radio frequency quadrupole parameters
- HEBT\_COMPONENTS: high energy beam transport components
- VACUUM-DIAG-ENV: vacuum system, beam diagnostic and environmental parameters

The control system is based on 25 Arduino Mega 2560R3 board & custom shield



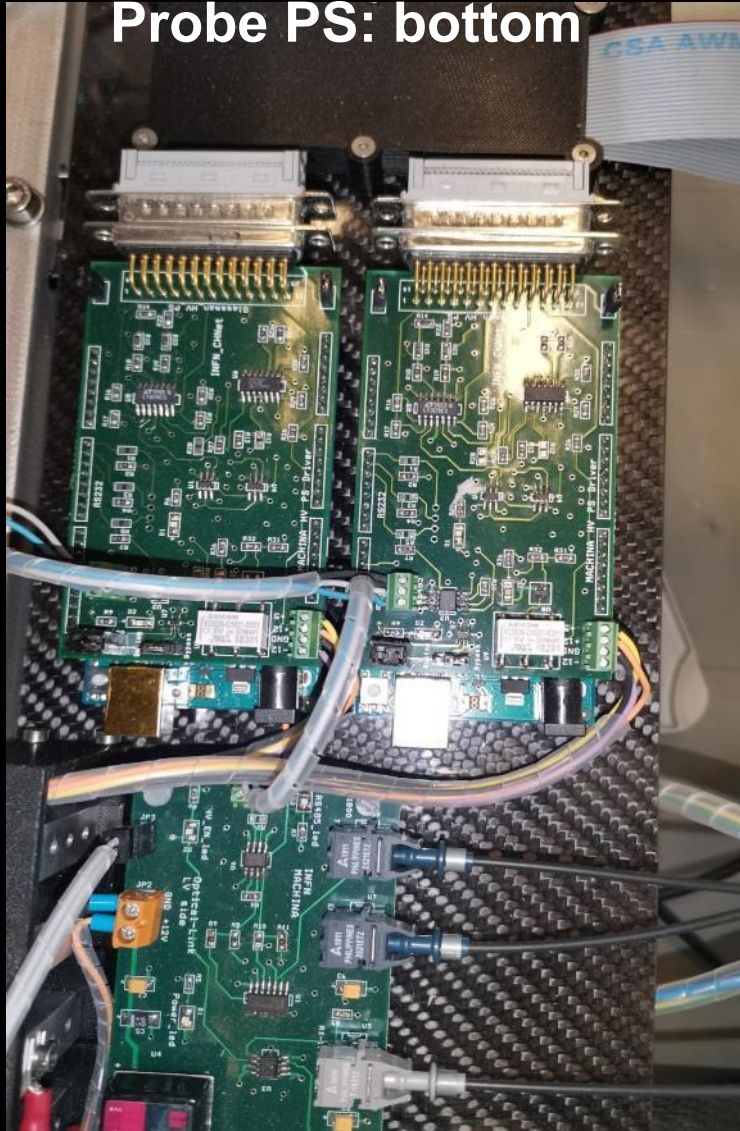
# Source – HV PS hardware and control software

Control boards

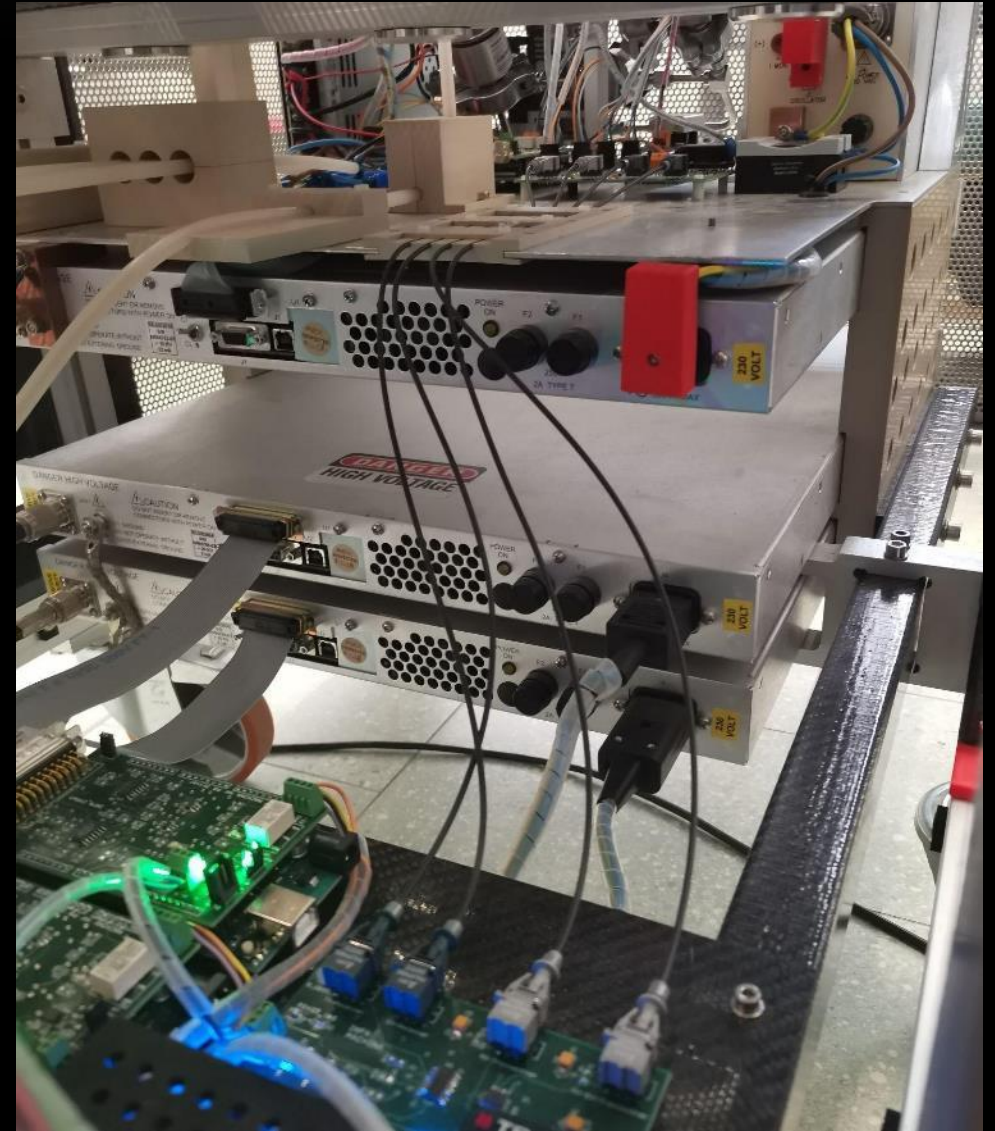
Extraction PS: up left

Einzel lens PS: up right

Probe PS: bottom



Optical fibres to control  
the Probe PS  
Ground Side



MACHINA: Control System

HEBT VACUUM MISCELLANEA

MACHINA: Vacuum System

LEBT ACCELERATOR HEBT



HV1 8.5E-08  
 VS4 VS5 VS7  
 VS3 VS2 VS6 VS8  
 VS1 LVI 1.5e-3 HV2 3.1E-08  
 VS9 HV3 2.7E-07

Lebt:  VSLebt-ON  VSLebt-OFF  
 Accelerator:  VSAcc-ON  VSAcc-OFF  
 Hebt:  VSHebt-ON  VSHebt-OFF

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|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|
| VS1 | 070020 | VS2 | 072000 | VS9 | 072000 |
| VS3 | 072000 | VS4 | 072000 |     |        |
| VS5 | 072000 | VS6 | 072000 |     |        |
| VS7 | 072000 | VS8 | 072000 |     |        |

LVS-forepump:  LVSPump-ON  LVSPump-OFF  
 VS Parameters:  STATUS  RPM  TEMP  POWER

MACHINA: Miscellanea

Vacuum HV PS Cooling GenSettings Camera

Save\_Config Load\_Config

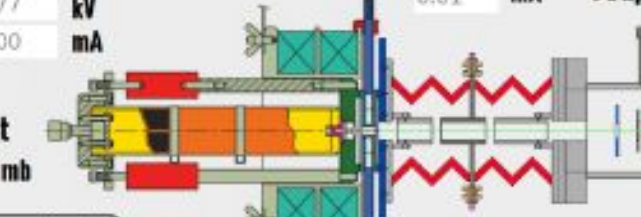
Terminal Output Message Policy

LEBT  RFQ  HEBT  
 VACUUM  GENERAL  
 NO MESSAGES

ON / OFF

MACHINA: Lebt

Extraction Voltage 6.77 kV 0.00 mA  
 Probe Voltage 3.50 kV 0.01 mA  
 FCup ---- uA



Gas Inlet ---- mb  
 Low Vacuum System 7.8e-4 mb  
 RF Fan ---- rpm  
 Einzellens 6.65 kV

POWER GND-DECK HV-DECK

HV\_Extraction 6.76 - +  
 HV\_Probe 3.50 - +  
 HV\_Einzel 6.64 - +  
 RF\_PS Power  ON  OFF

FaradayCup  FCup-IN  FCup-OUT  
 Gas Inlet

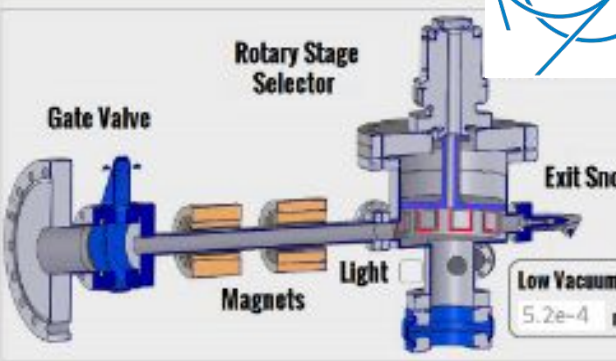
MACHINA: RFQ

Average Power ---- kW  
 Peak Power ---- kW



Cooling  
 water temperature ---- °C  
 air temperature ---- °C

MACHINA: Hebt



Gate Valve  
 Rotary Stage Selector  
 Exit Snout  
 Magnets  
 Light  
 Low Vacuum Sys 5.2e-4 mb

LVS@Snout  
 25.2 temp. (°C)  
 24.4 humid. (%)

Rotary Stage  
 FreePath  FCup  Degrad1  
 Quartz  Degrad2

MACHINA: CameraServer

File Devices



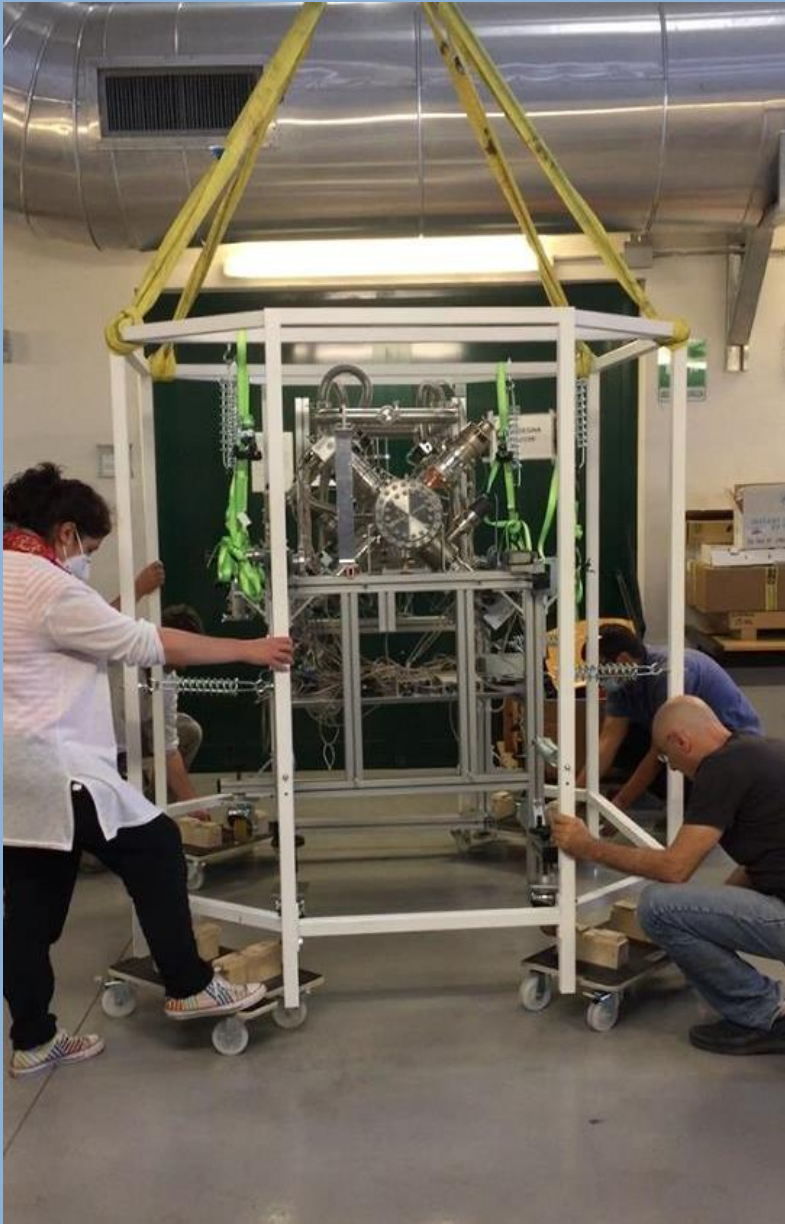
Focus

Image Video

Capture Photo

Exposure

## TRANSPORTABILITY

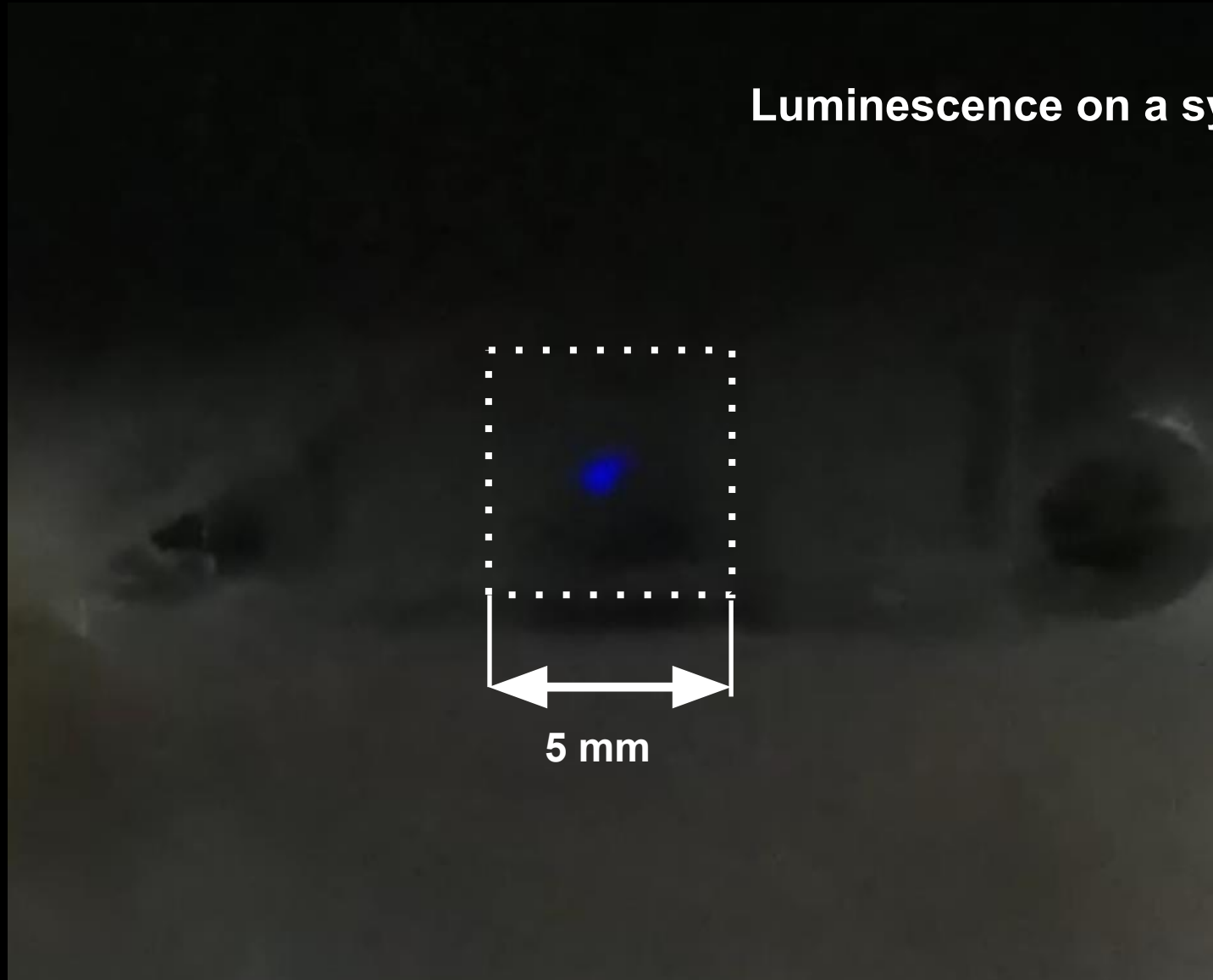


MACHINA has travelled thousands of kilometres back and forth between Florence to Geneva

Vibrations are not a problem



**Luminescence on a synthetic sapphire**

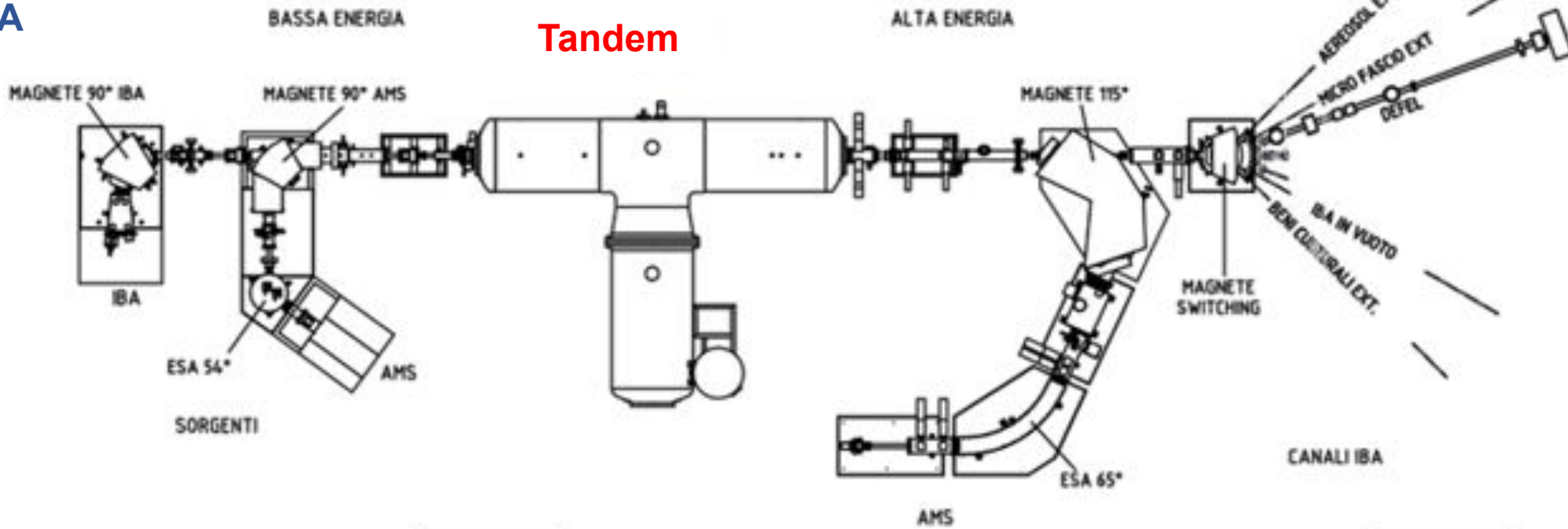


## LABEC accelerator hall

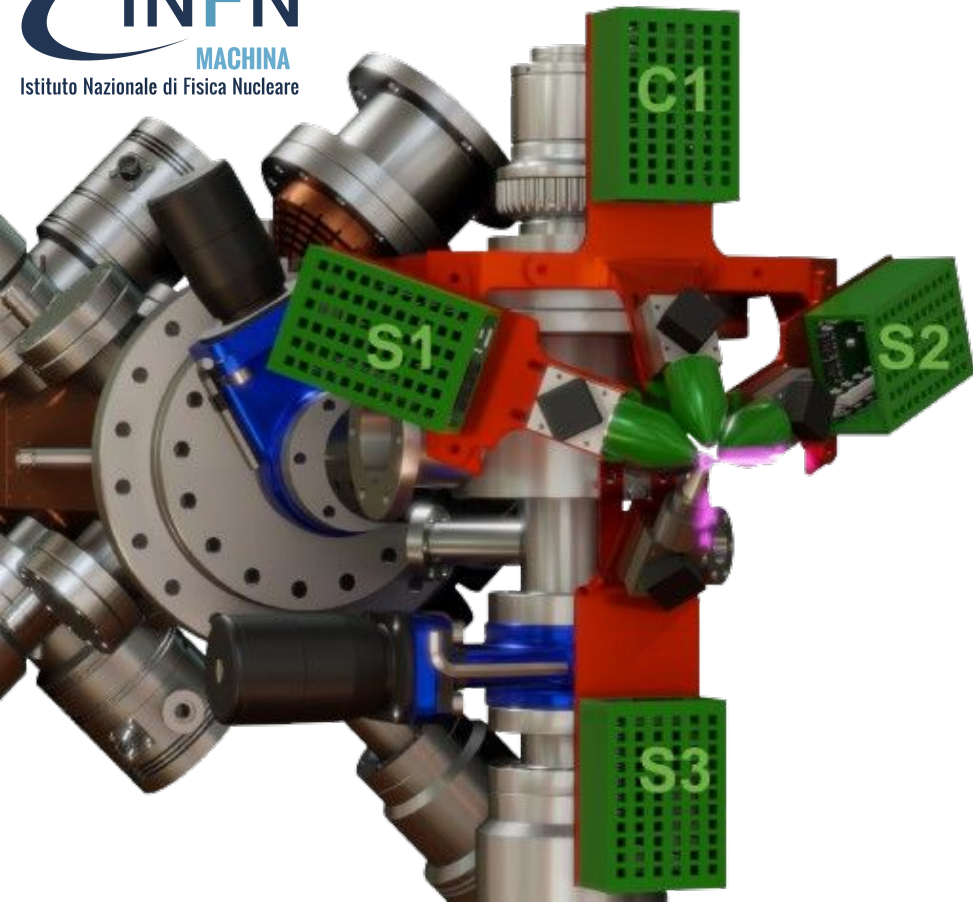
2.5 m  
MACHINA

30 m

Tandem



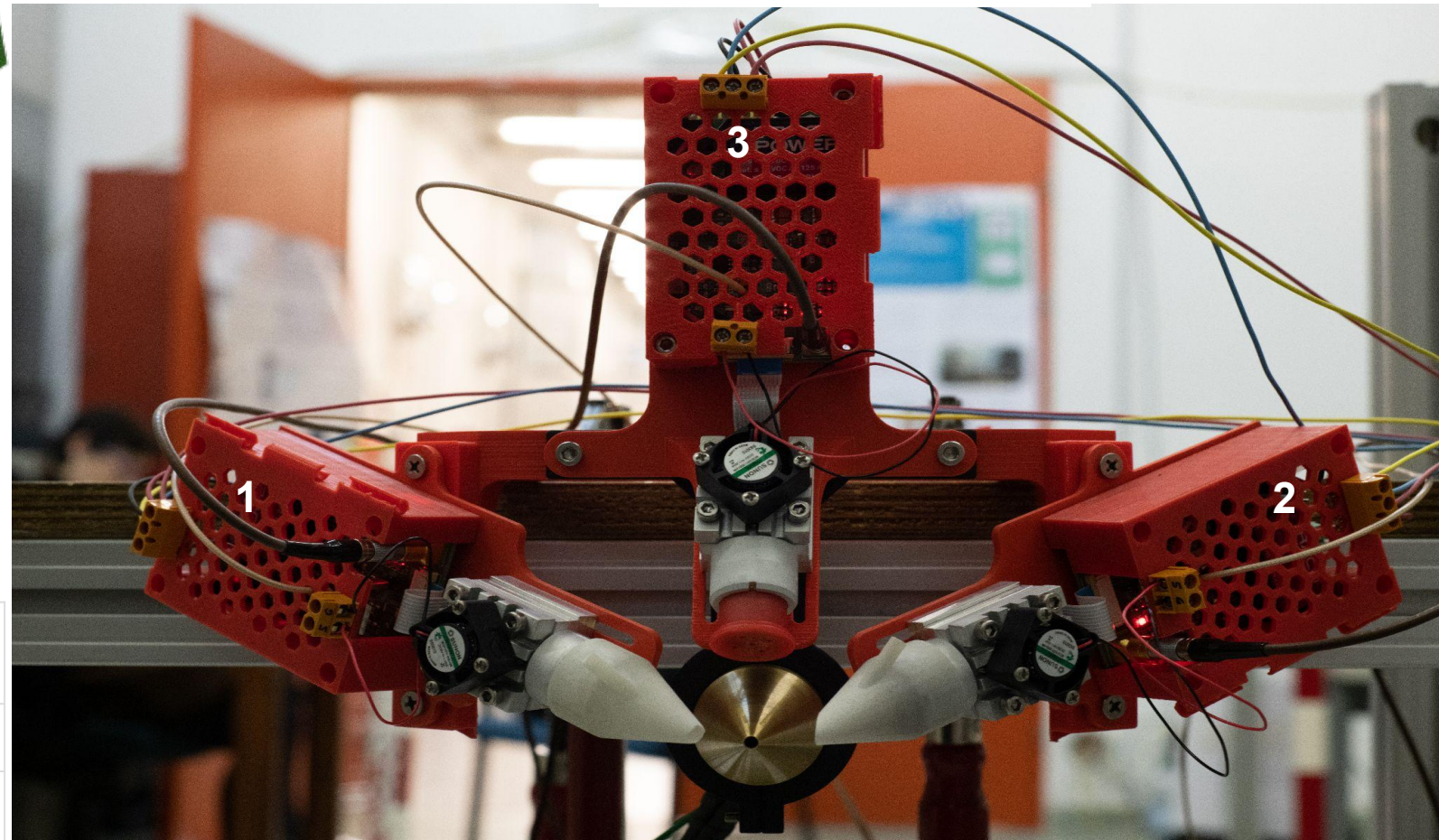
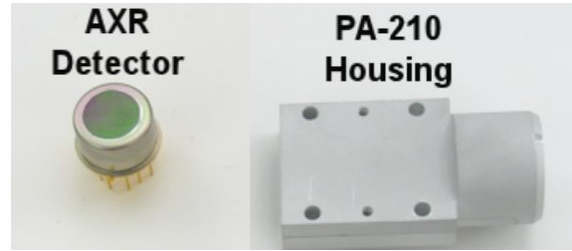
## detection set-up (design)



## Detection set-up implemented so far

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>S1, S2, S3 SDD</b>                                | <b>50 mm<sup>2</sup></b>                |
| <b>Silicon Thickness</b>                             | <b>500 μm</b>                           |
| <b>Energy Resolution @ 5.9 keV (<sup>55</sup>Fe)</b> | <b>~130 eV FWHM@t 4 μs peaking time</b> |
| <b>Detector Window</b>                               | <b>0.5 mil (12.5 μm) Be</b>             |

## Detection set-up



detection set-up (implemented so far)



## Detection set-up

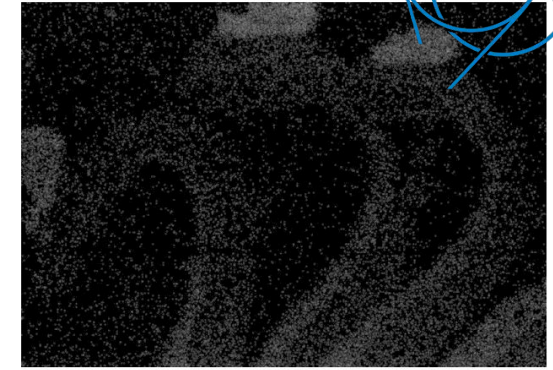
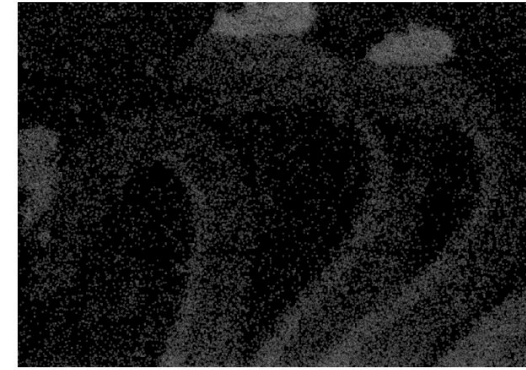
Detector 1

Detector 2



Left-hand side: the modern fresco painting studied with the PIXE technique using the new system described. Right-hand side: the painting during the PIXE measurements installed on the target positioning system (the black carbon fiber sheet) together with the Pb, Au, Fe, Al standards (the small coloured squares inside the red sample holder on the left-hand side).

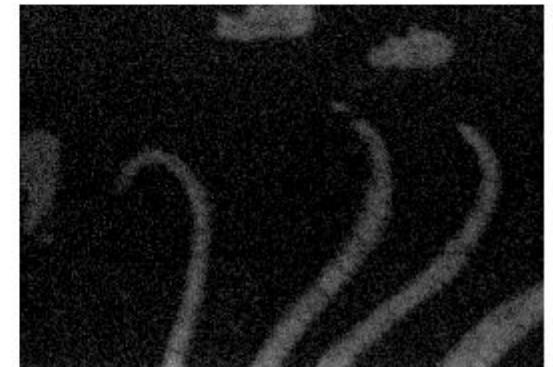
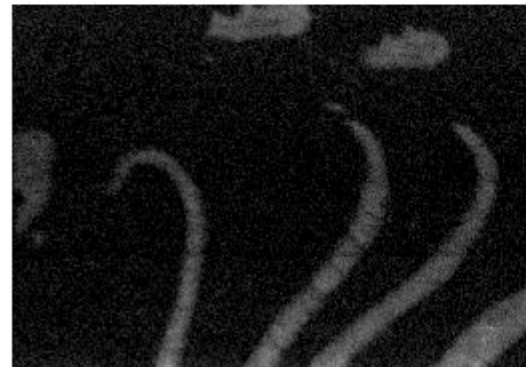
a)



b)



c)



Intercomparison of the elemental maps obtained with (a) Fe  $K_{\alpha}$  (b) Ti  $K_{\alpha}$  and (c) S  $K_{\alpha}$ , obtained with both detectors used for PIXE imaging.

## MACHINA meeting on the next May 22nd

- First applications to CH
- Next collaboration with CERN  
KT on developing compact  
accelerators

### MACHINA\_MEETING: Agenda

May the 22<sup>nd</sup>

venue INFN Sezione di Firenze  
(50019-Sesto Fiorentino - Firenze)

#### **Session\_1 – welcome** (09:00 – 09:30)

G. Passaleva (Director of INFN Sezione di Firenze)  
D. Bettoni & O. Adriani (INFN – Executive Board)  
C. Hartley, (CERN, Head of Industry, Procurement and Knowledge Transfer department)

#### **Session\_2: Introduction to MACHINA** (09:30 – 10:00)

09:30 – 09:45 “The MACHINA concept” S. Mathot & F. Taccetti  
09:45 – 10:00 “MACHINA: the accelerated beam and the beam for CH applications” A. Lombardi & L. Giuntini

#### **Session\_3: visit to MACHINA Accelerator** (10:00 – 10:30) C.Czelusniak

#### **Coffee break** (10:30 – 10:45)

#### **Session\_4: Example of measurements with MACHINA** (10:45 – 11:30)

10:45 – 11:10 “Drawings by O. Leoni” Silvia Castelli (Marucelliana), A. Mazzinghi  
11:10 – 11:35 “Painting by scuola fiorentina” Sandra Rossi (OPD), C. Ruberto

#### **Session\_5: Conclusion part 1 and Q&A** (11:35 – 11:50)

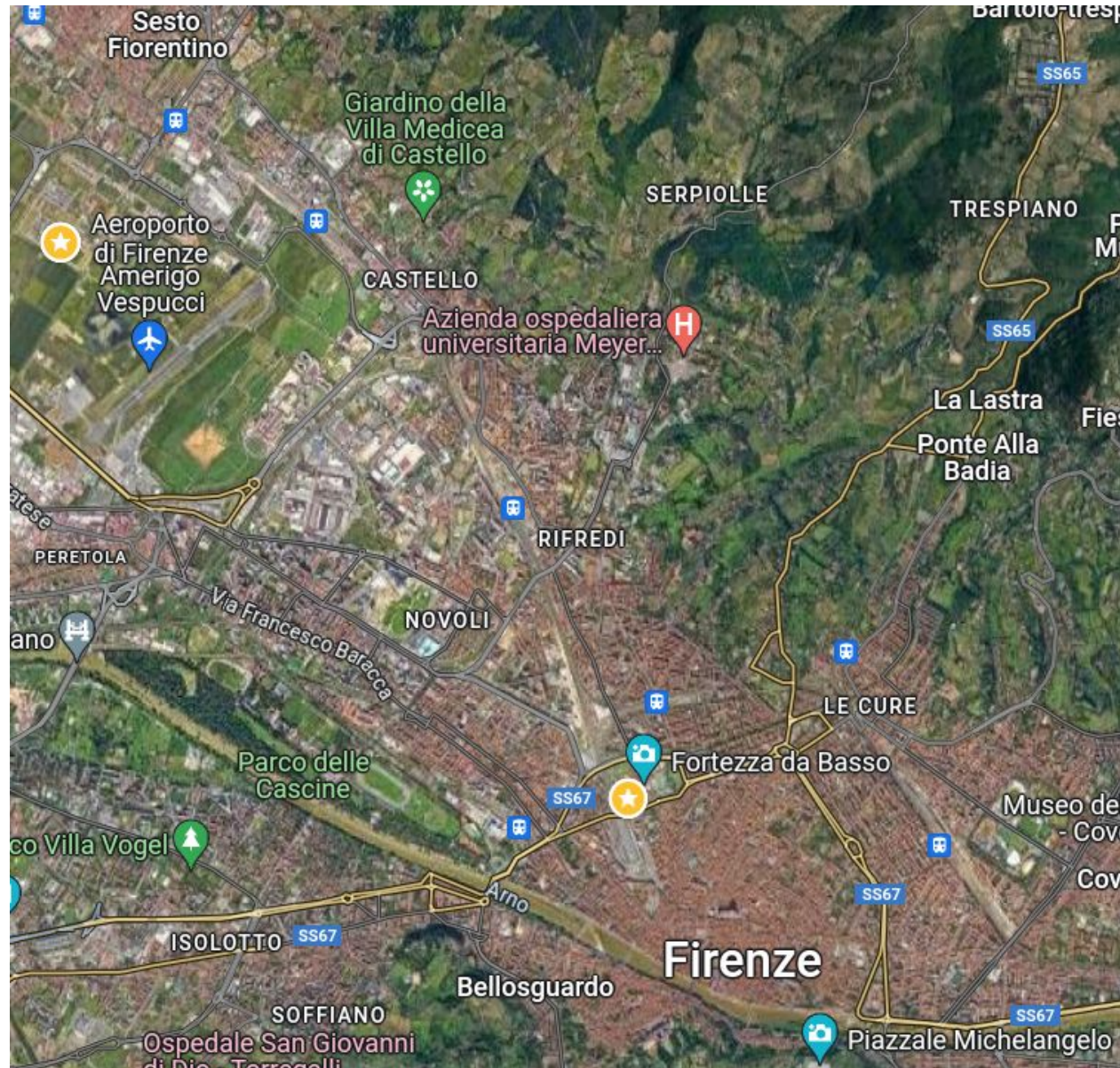
Mathot, Lombardi, Giuntini & Taccetti

#### **Lunch**

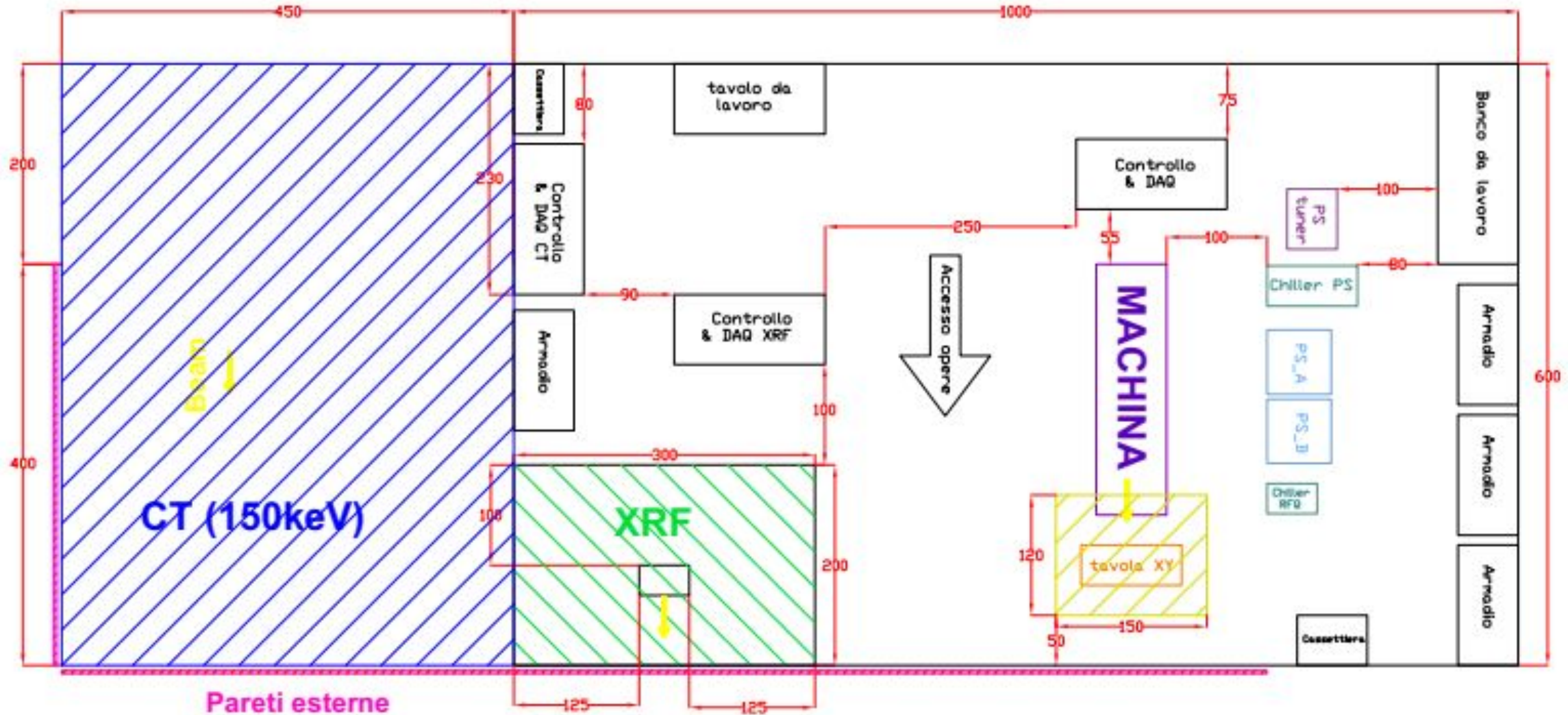
#### **Visit to Opificio restoration Labs** (14:30 – 16:00)

#### **Session\_6: Future perspectives and next steps** (16:00 – 16:30)

## MACHINA in INFN@OPD Fortezza da Basso



## MACHINA + CHNet instrumentation in INFN@OPD



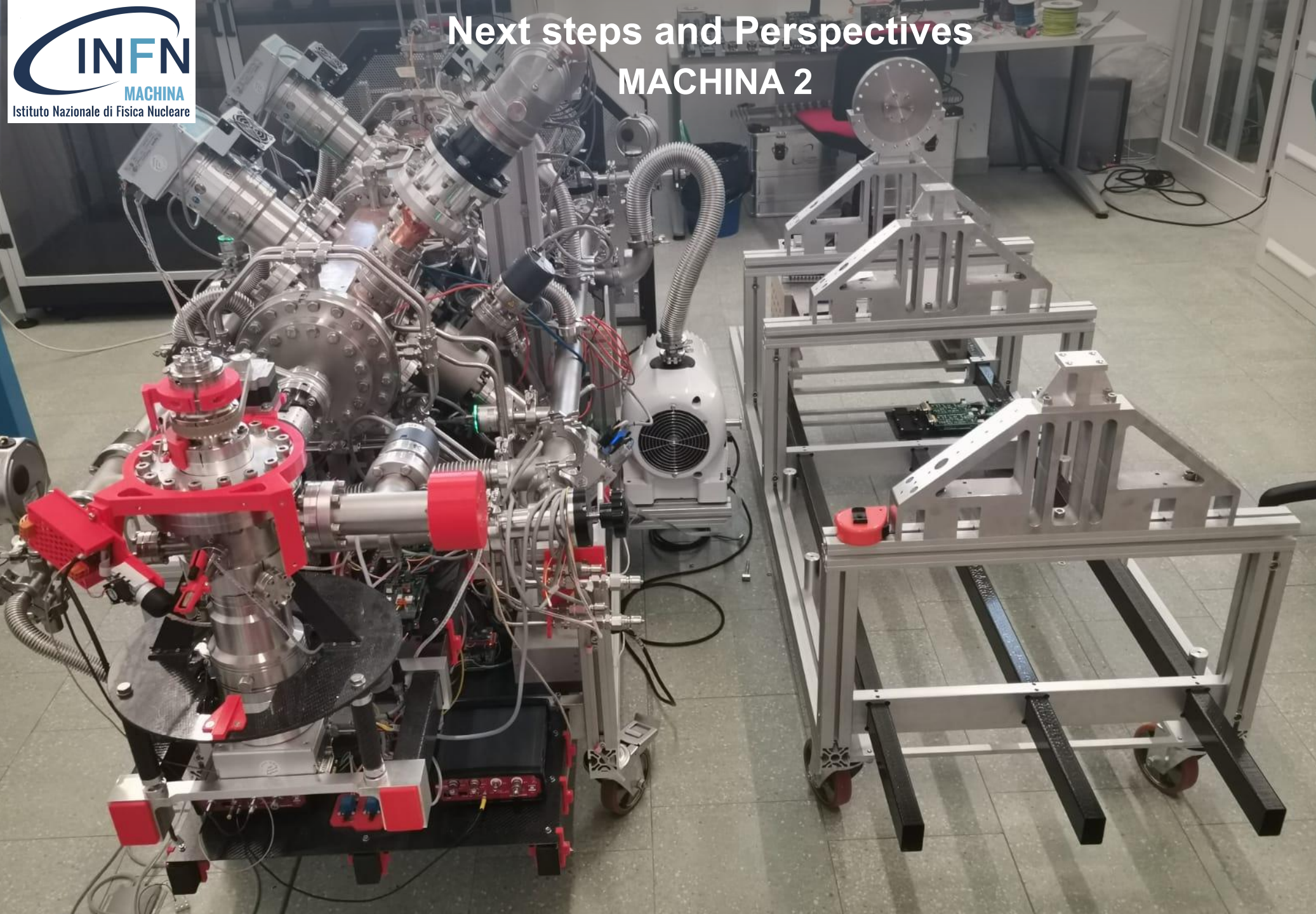
### MACHINA 2

- **A second version of MACHINA to be developed by INFN for Gran Sasso Science Institute (GSSI)**
- **Funding (about 2 M€) requested by GSSI for MACHINA 2 on the SEIC (Space and Earth Innovation Campus) project, financed with PNRR funds**
- **GSSI has already submitted a offer request to INFN**
- **INFN with the resolution of 29/2/2024 has decided to submit an offer to GSSI for MACHINA 2**

# Next steps and Perspectives MACHINA 2

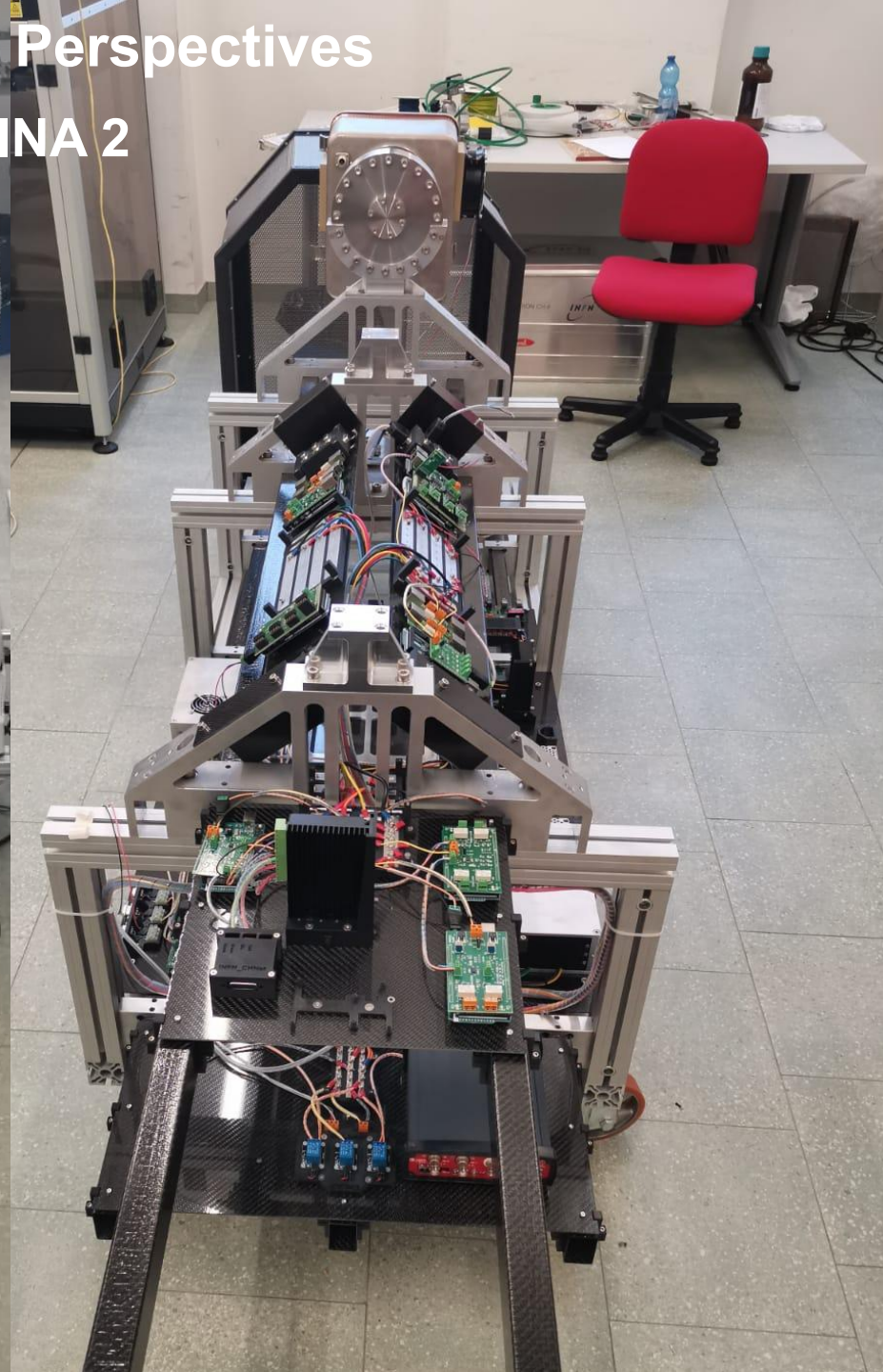
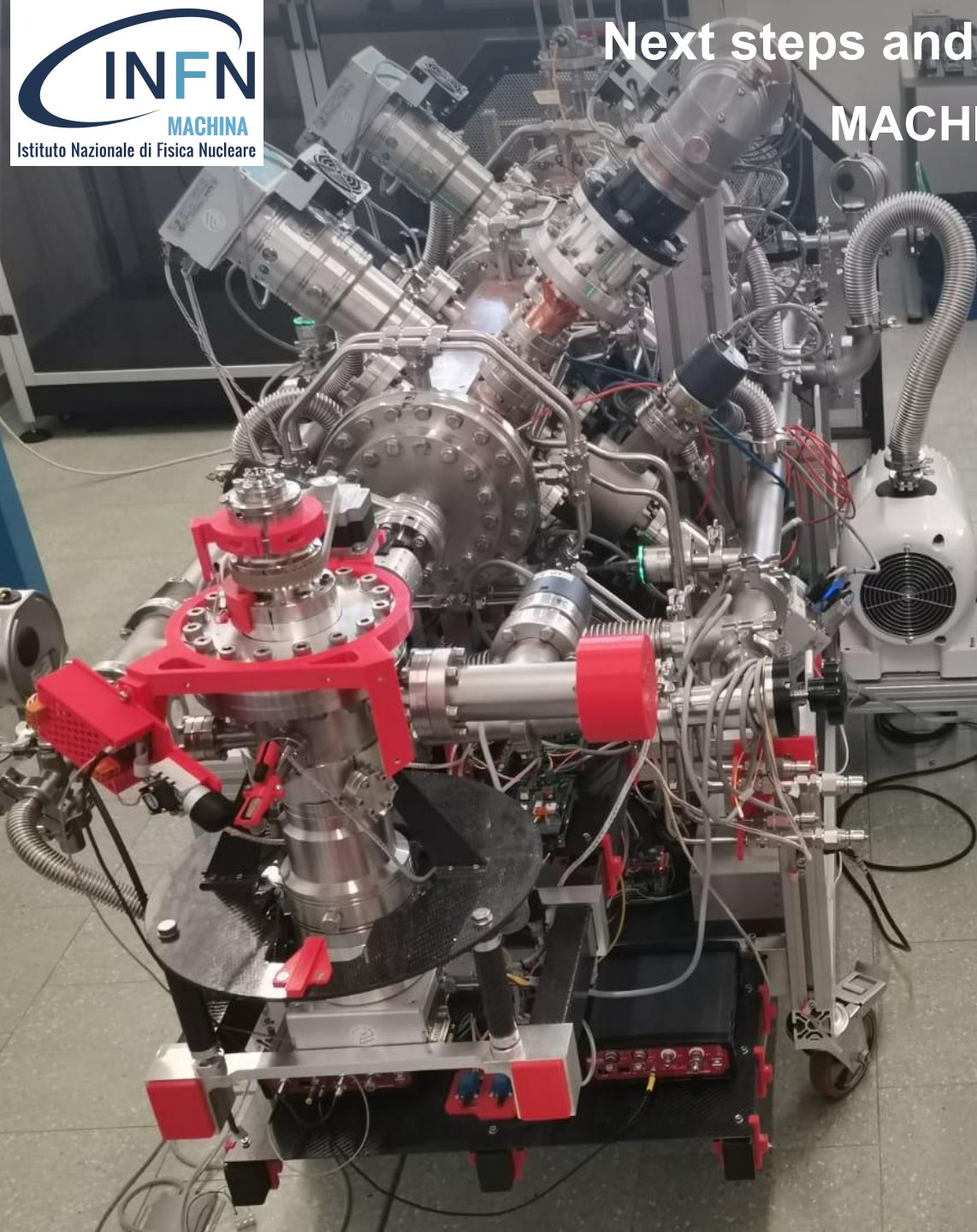
***MACHINA2  
is coming!***

**May 2023**



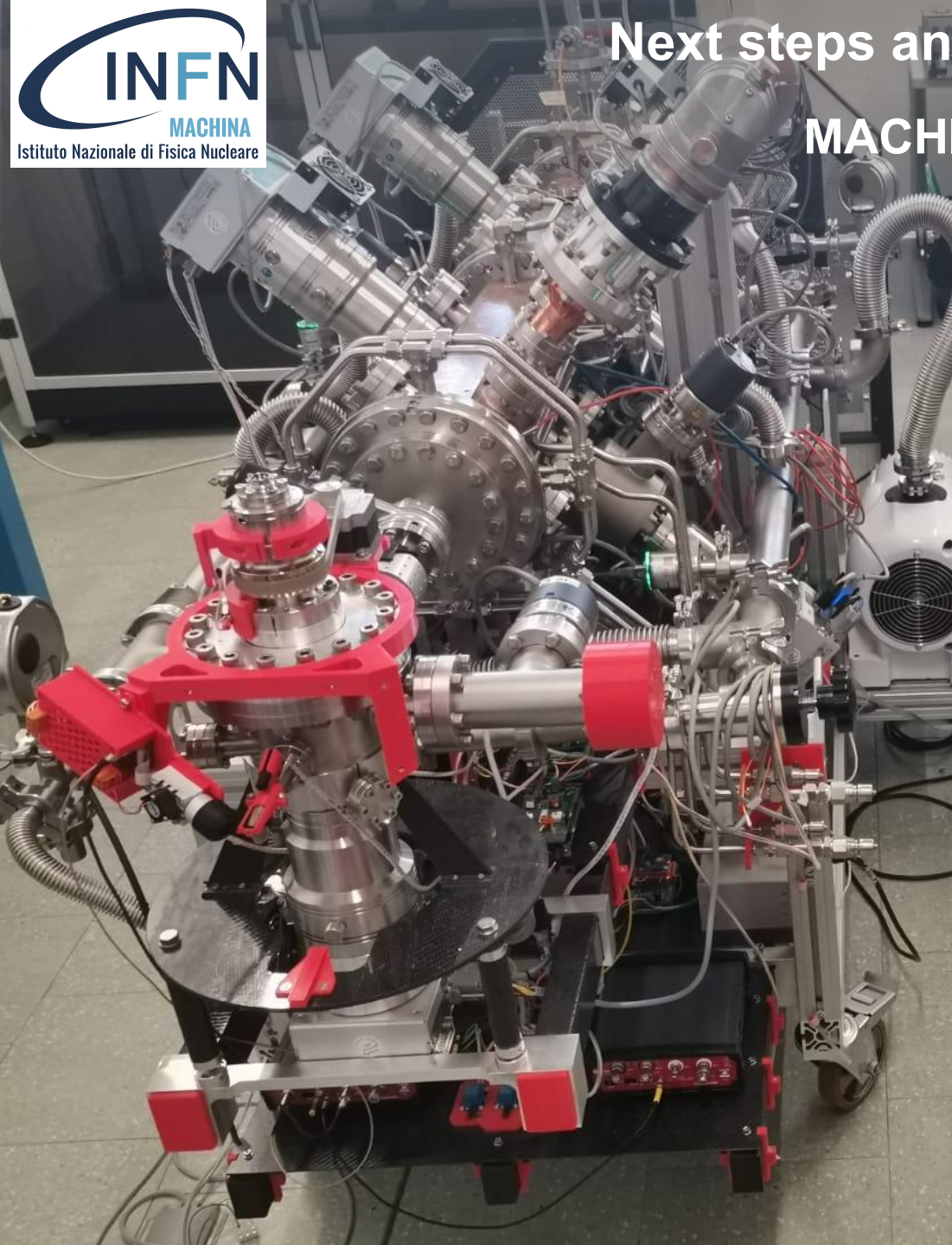
# Next steps and Perspectives

## MACHINA 2



***MACHINA2  
is coming!***

**November  
2023**



**MACHINA2  
is coming!  
Yesterday!**

**The  
source is  
dismounted and  
the mock-up  
accelerator installed  
for upcoming vacuum-  
and control-system tests**



***THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!***

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