



**I-LUCE @ INFN-LNS**

**INFN Laser inUCEd radiation production**

*A facility for new radiation sources at LNS*

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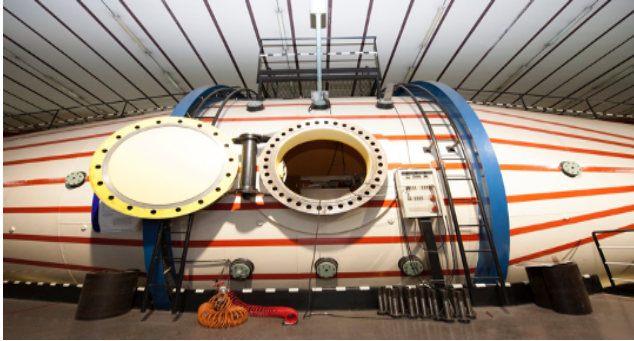
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Accelerators and Laser at LNS

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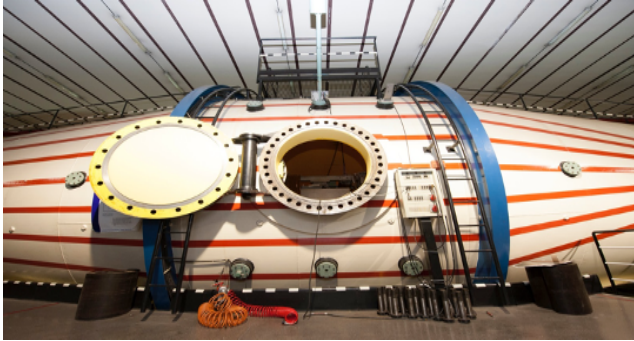
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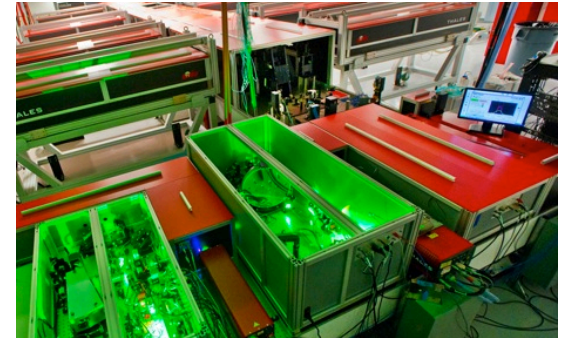
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Power: 0.5 PW scale  
Weight:

High power laser	
Radiation	E [MeV/amu]
Protons/ions	up to 60 MeV
Electrons	up to 2 GeV
Neutrons	Positrons
Gamma/X	Others

Main ingredients of a  
laser-plasma radiation production

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A laser

High power (TW - PW)

Short pulse duration (ps - fs)

A Target: thin/thick solid/liquid/gassous ...

Other useful things

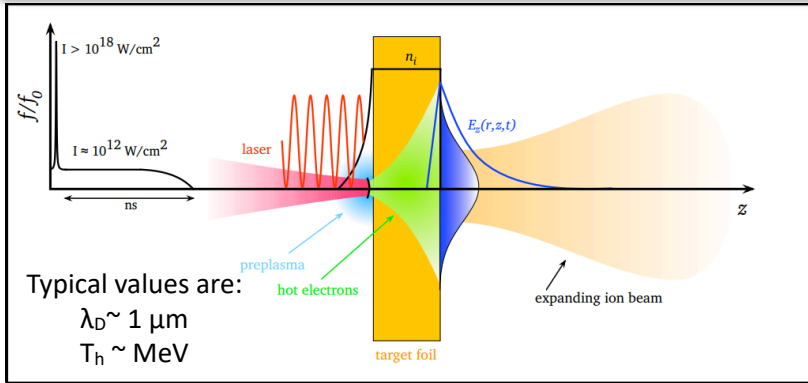
High contrast laser

High quality target fabrication

High quality wave front-end

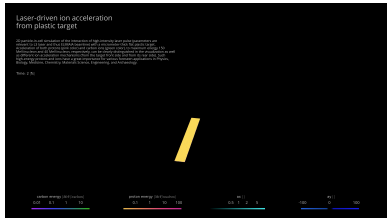
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## Ions acceleration



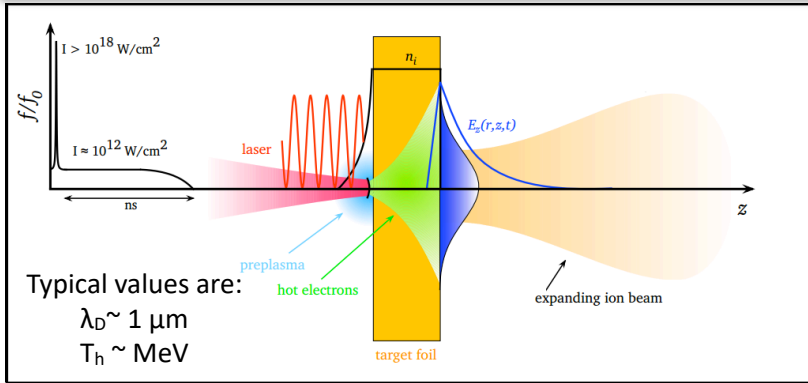
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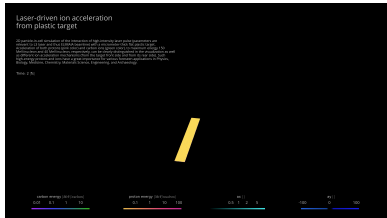


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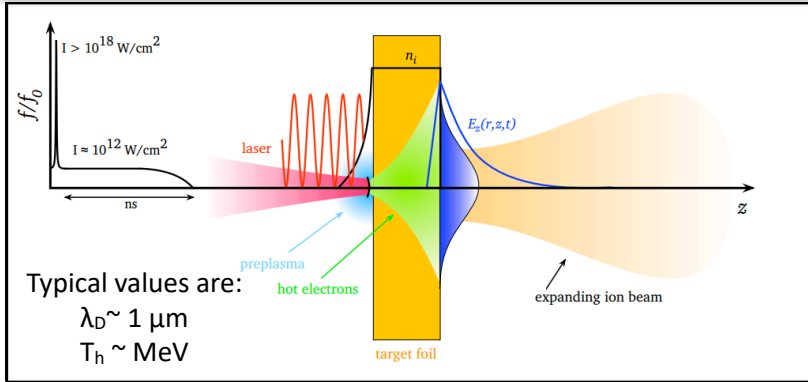


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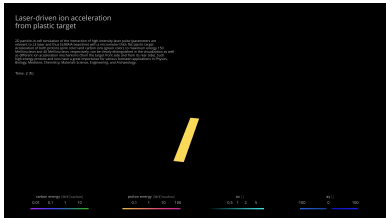


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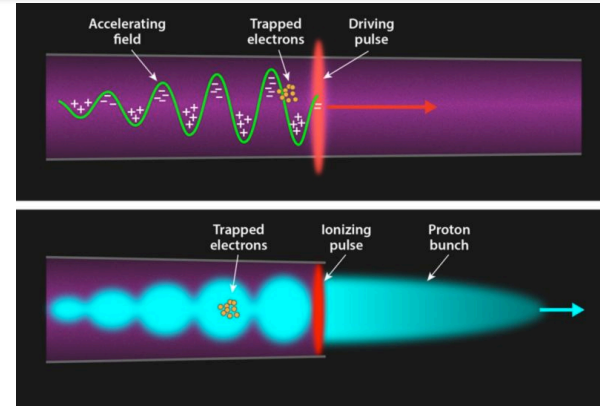


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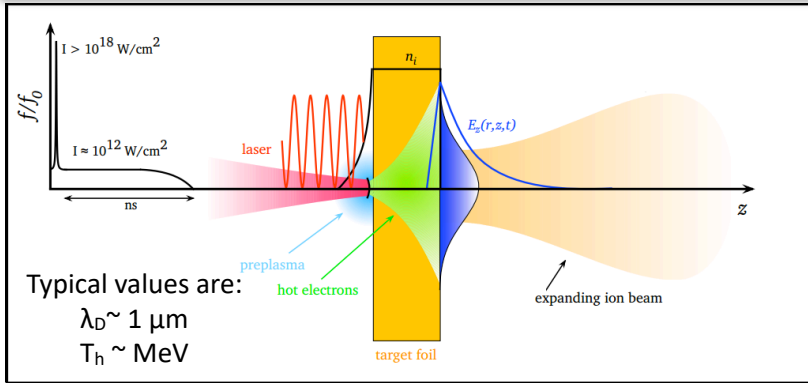
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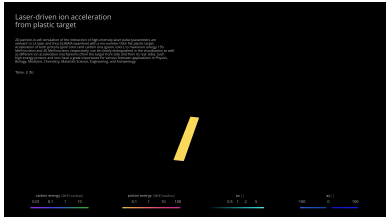


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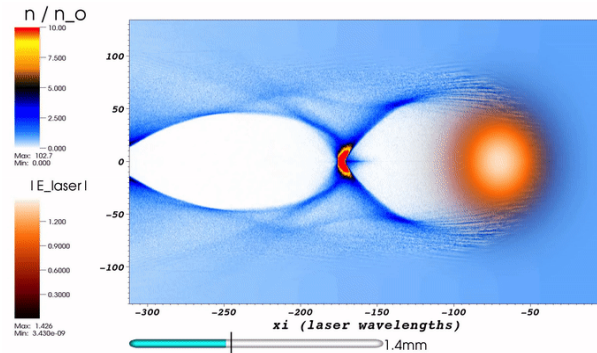
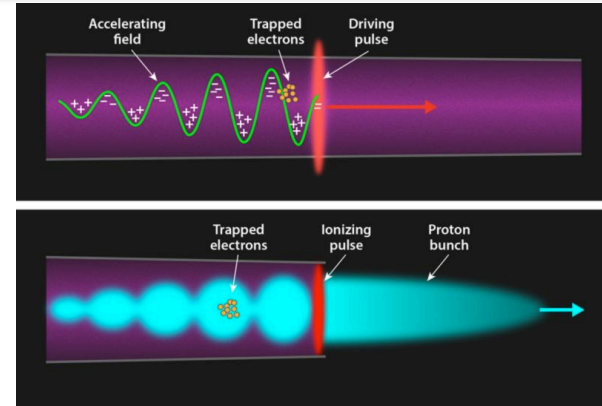


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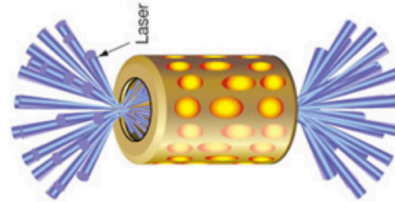
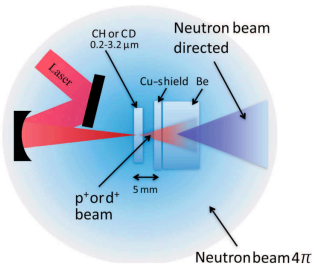


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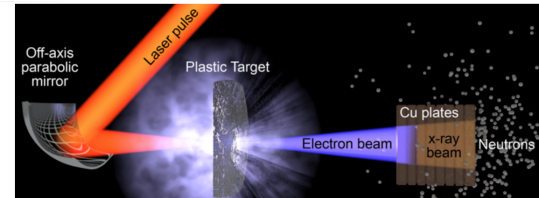
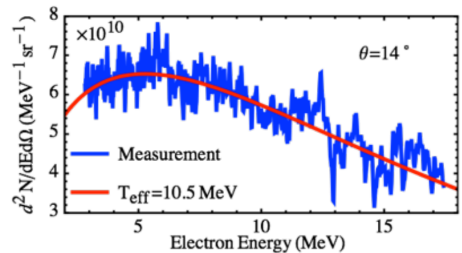
## Neutrons productions

### Inertial fusion processes



### Proton/Ion driven

### Electron driven



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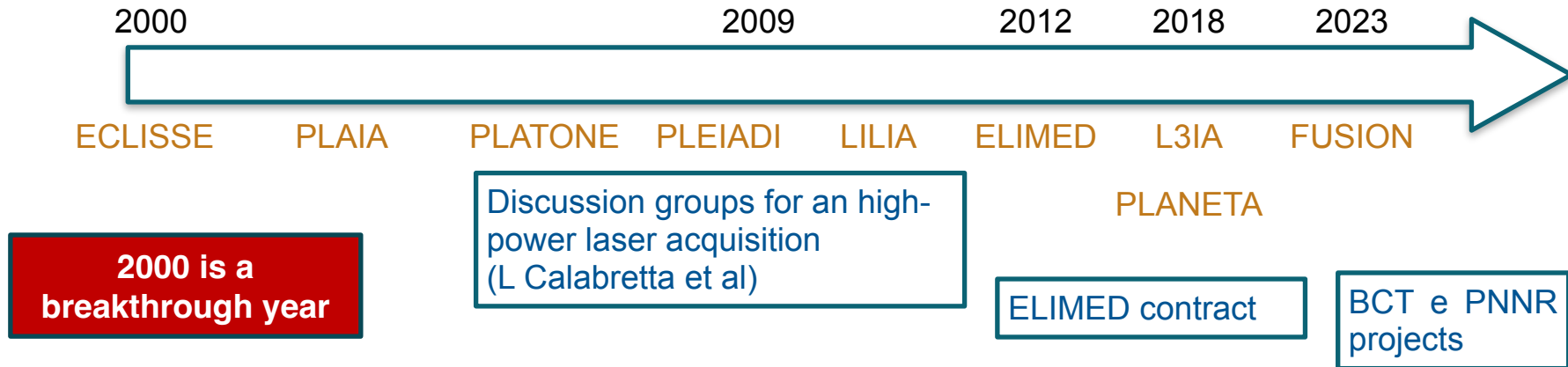
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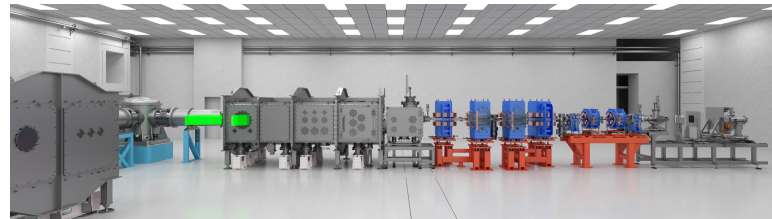
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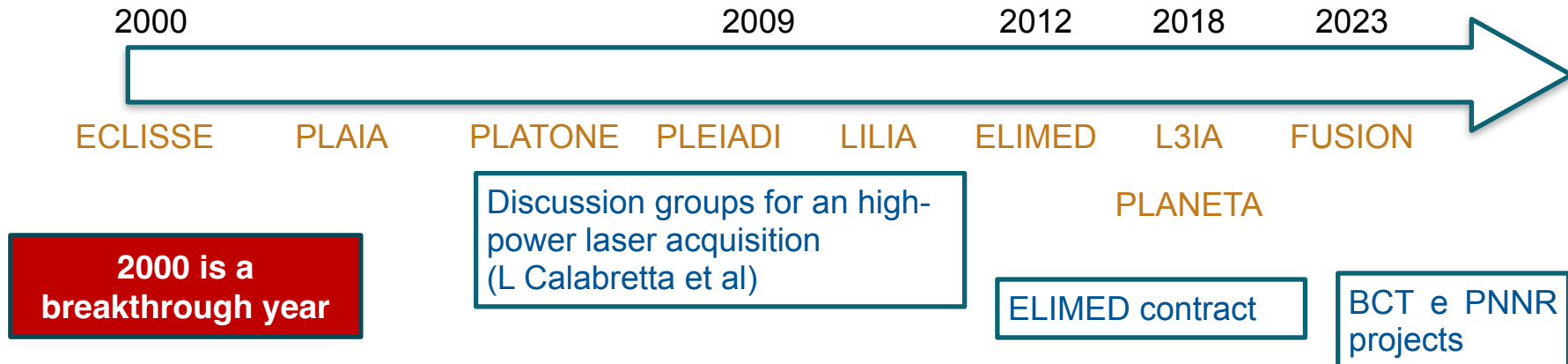
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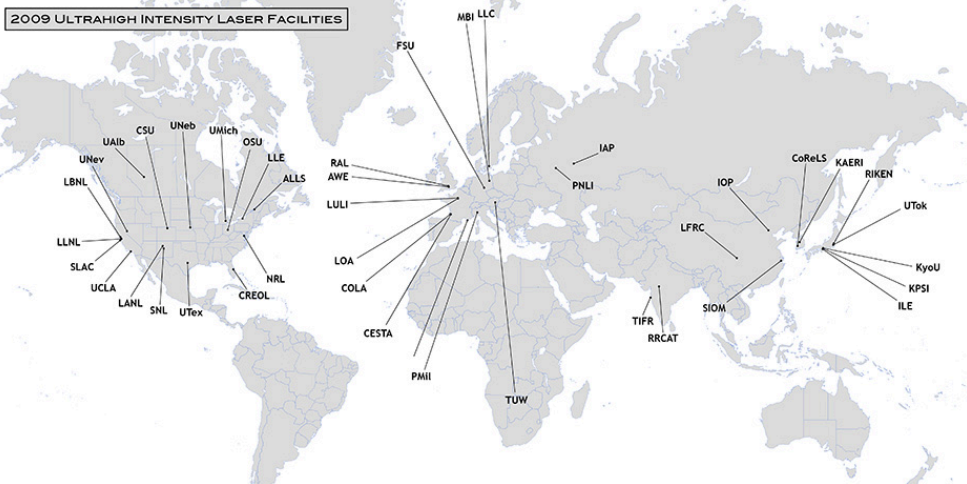
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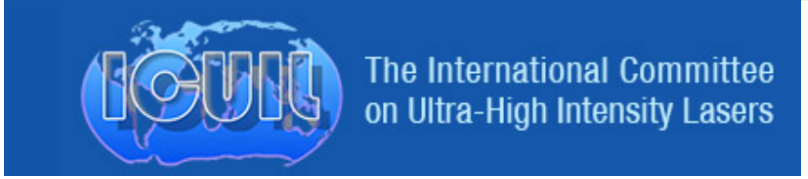
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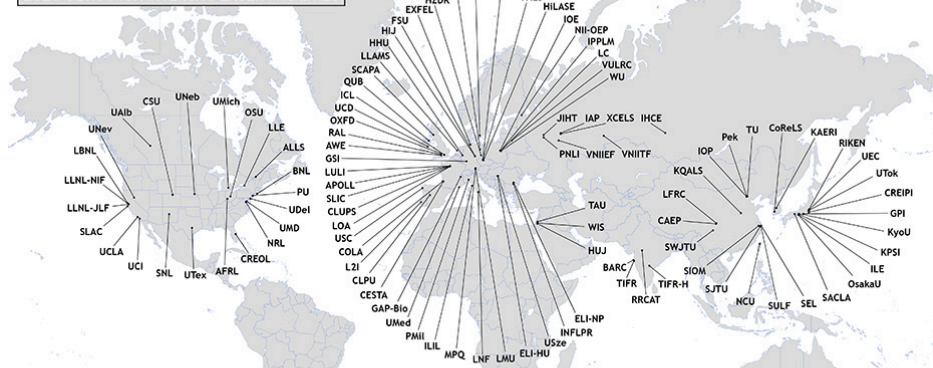
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2020: 90 facilities

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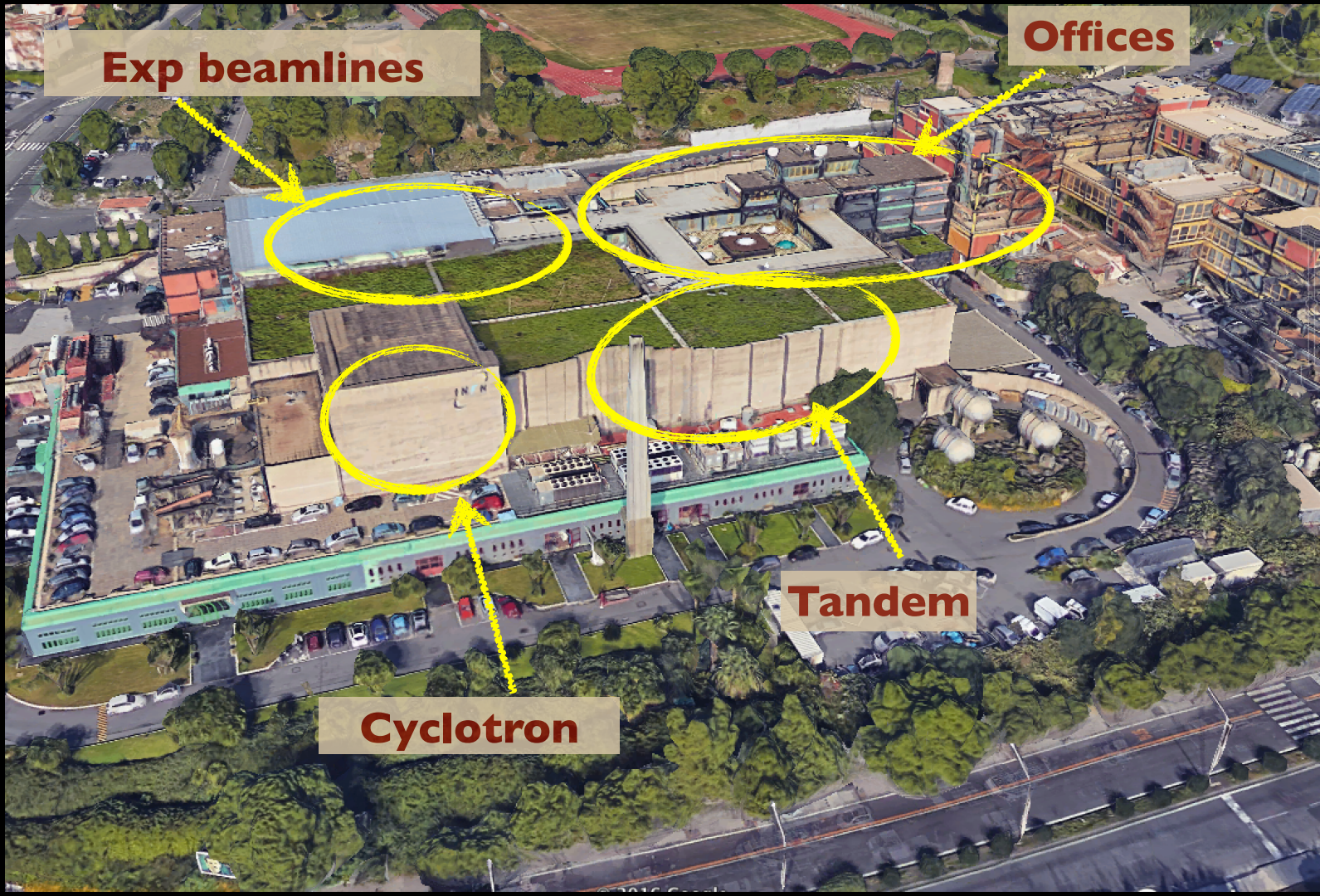
Goal: realisation of a new European laser facility for new beams, new physics and new Users

**Exp beamlines**

**Offices**

**Tandem**

**Cyclotron**



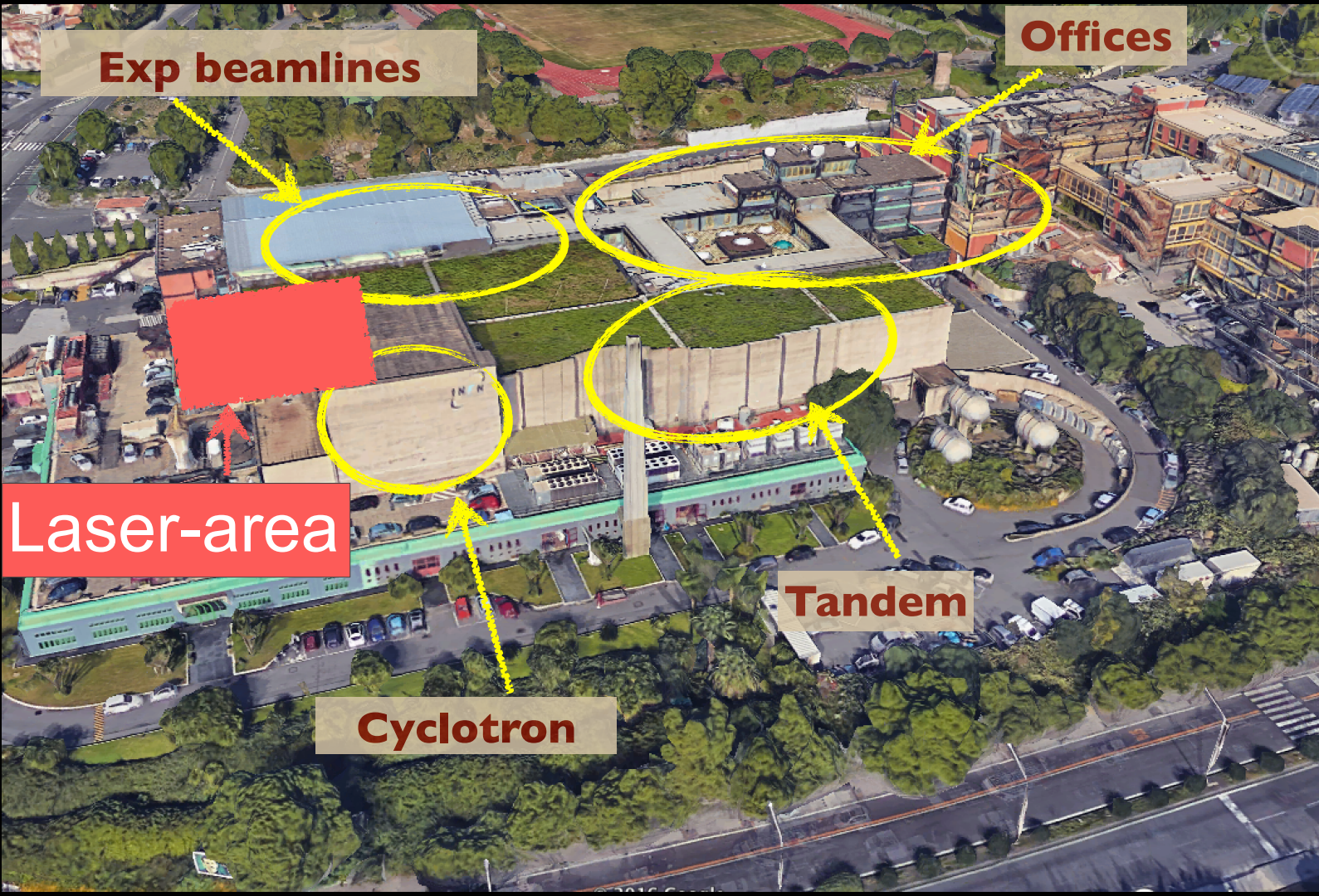
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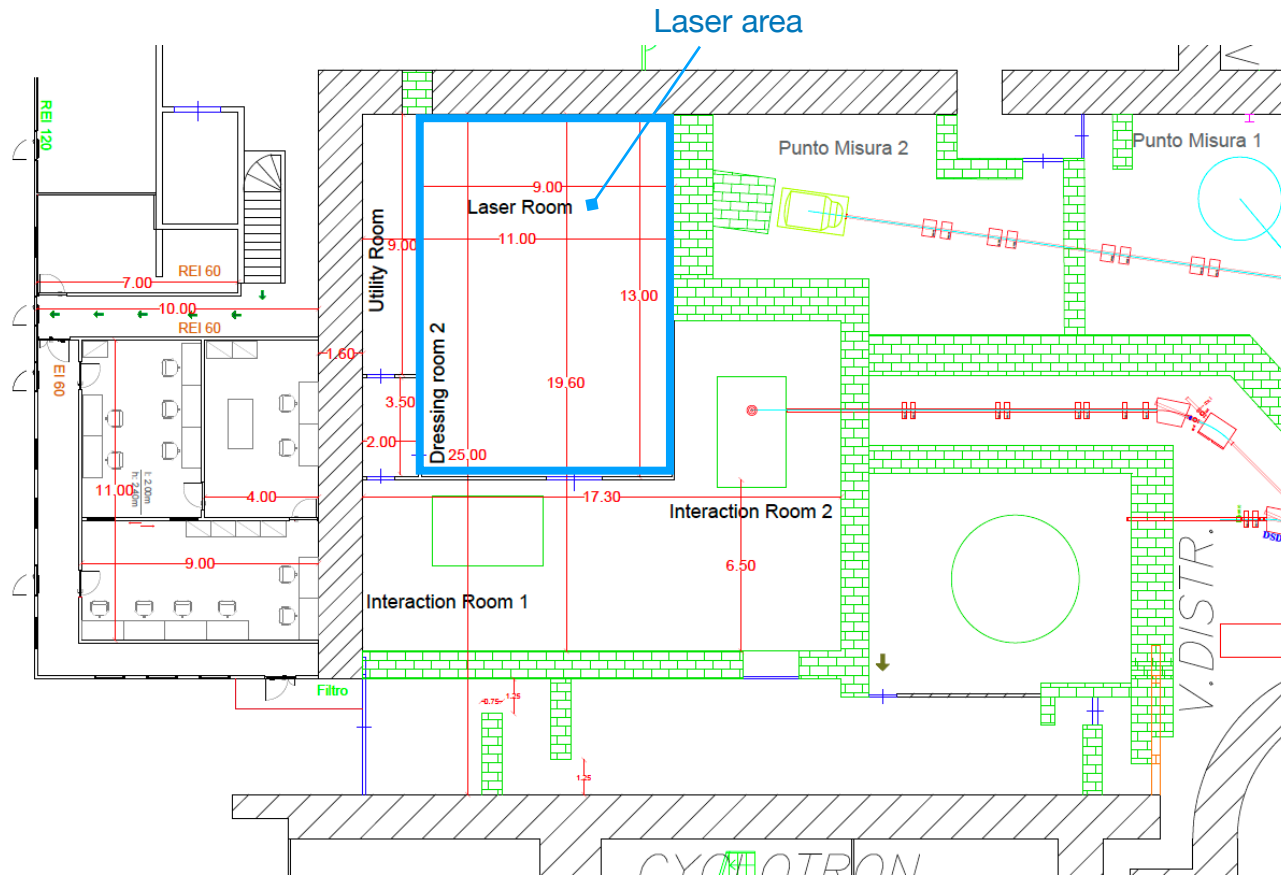
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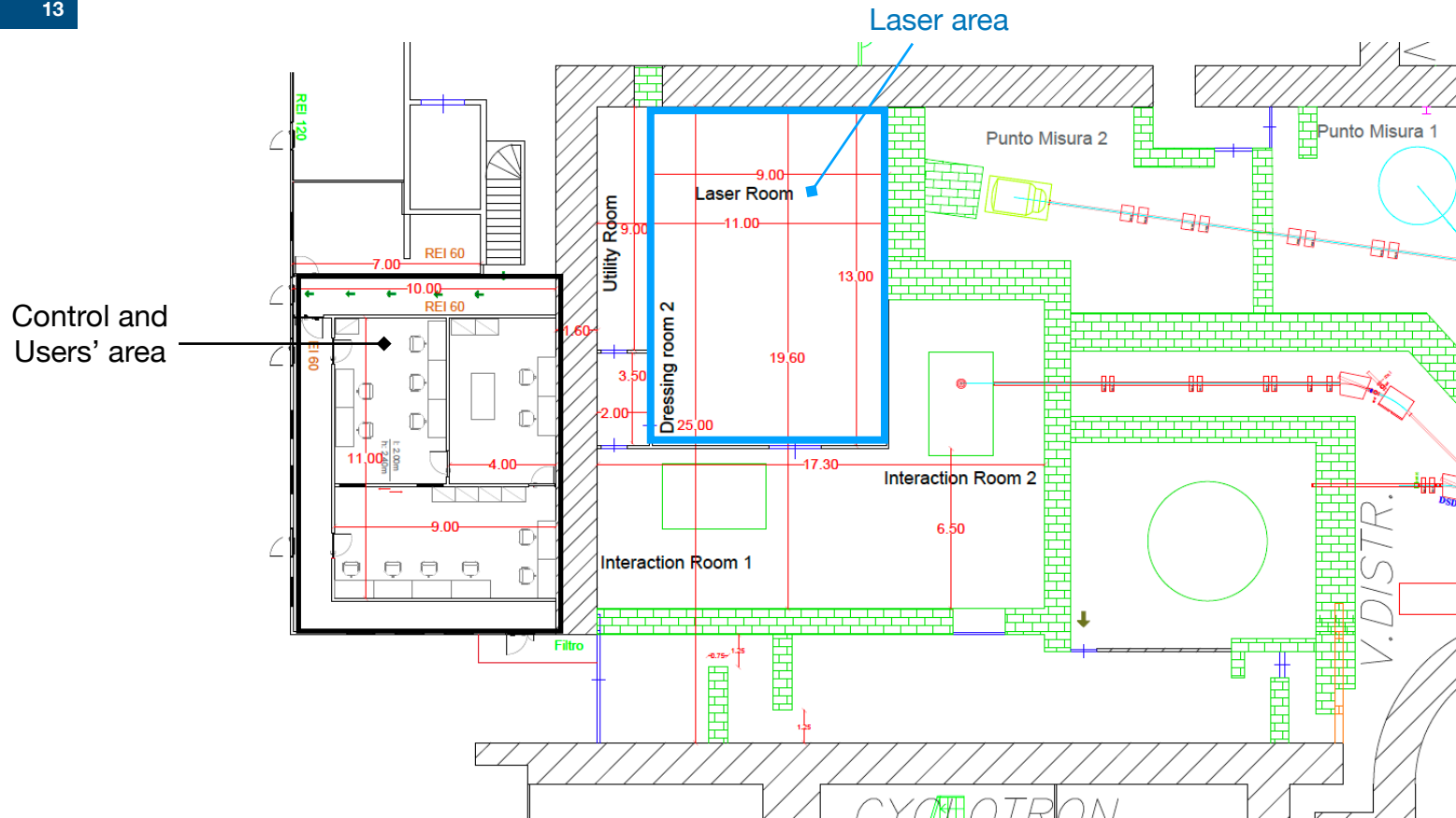
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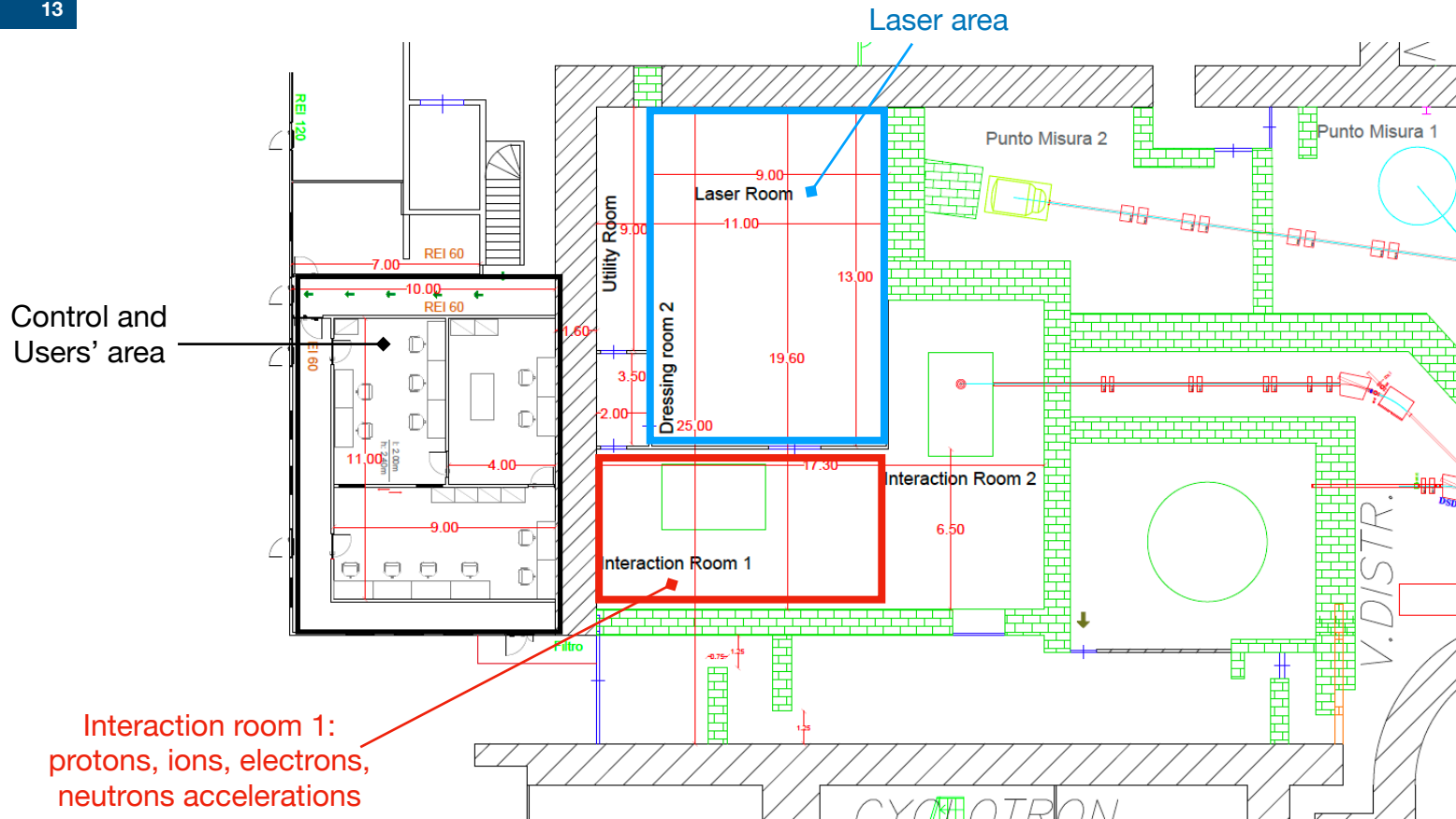
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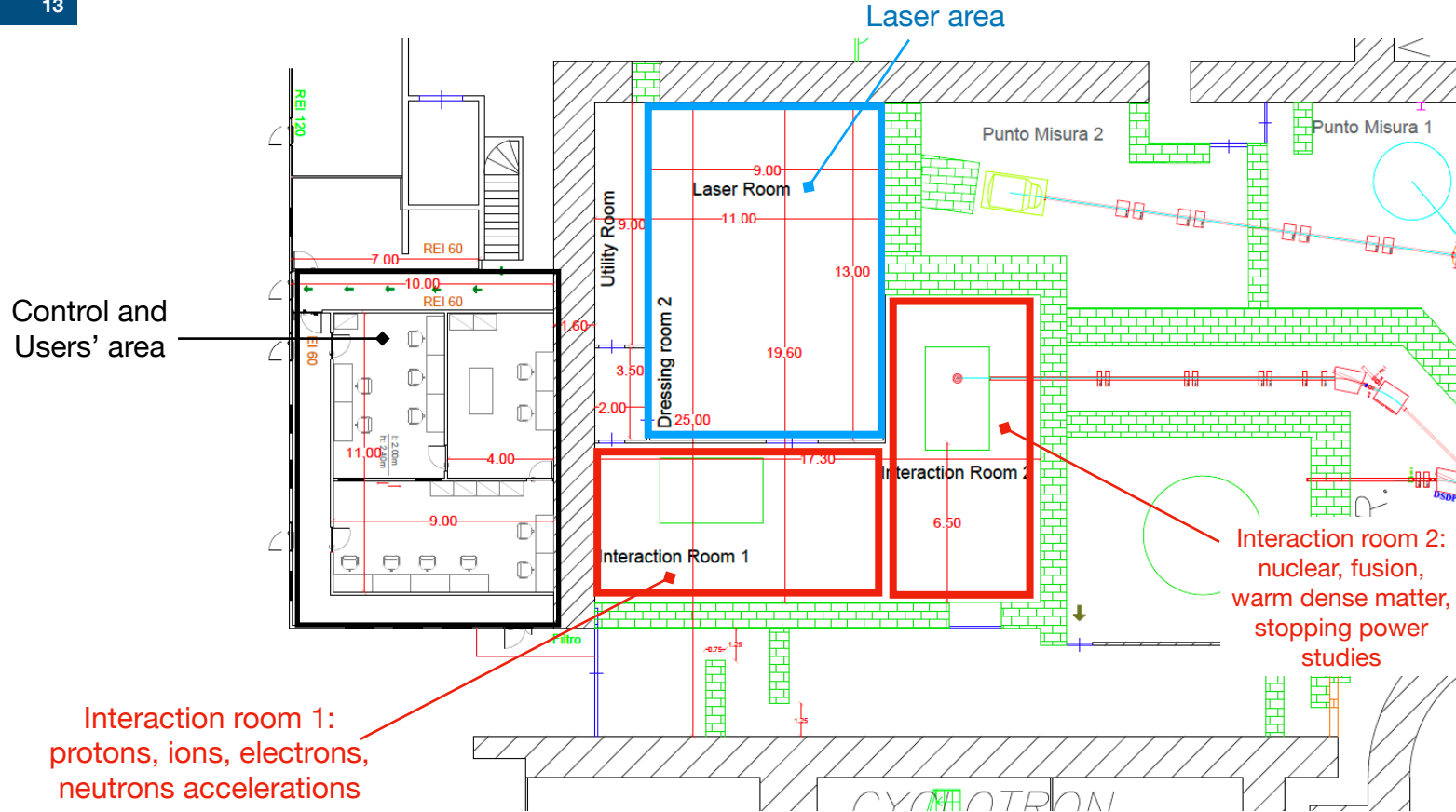
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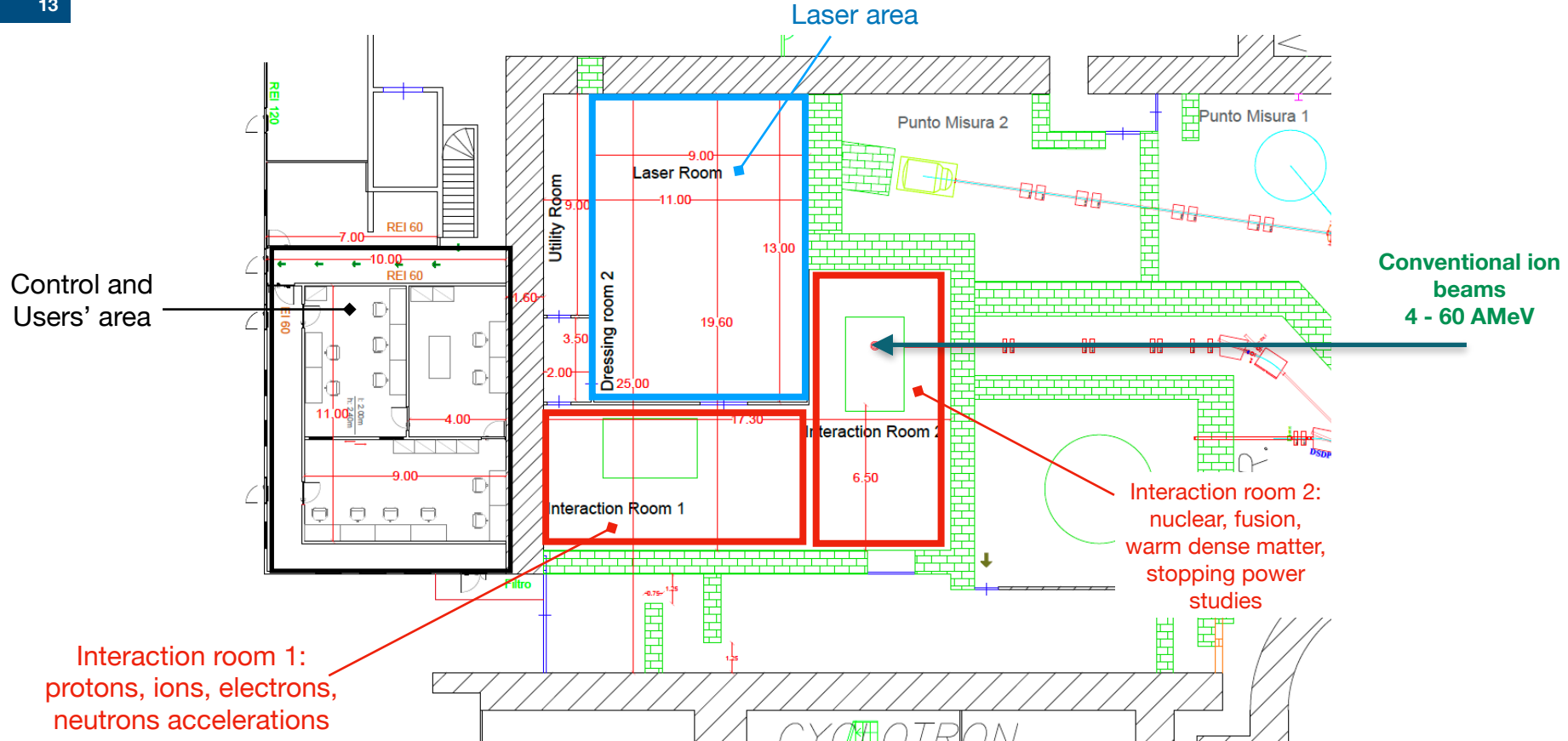


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Interaction room 2:  
nuclear, fusion,  
warm dense matter,  
stopping power  
studies

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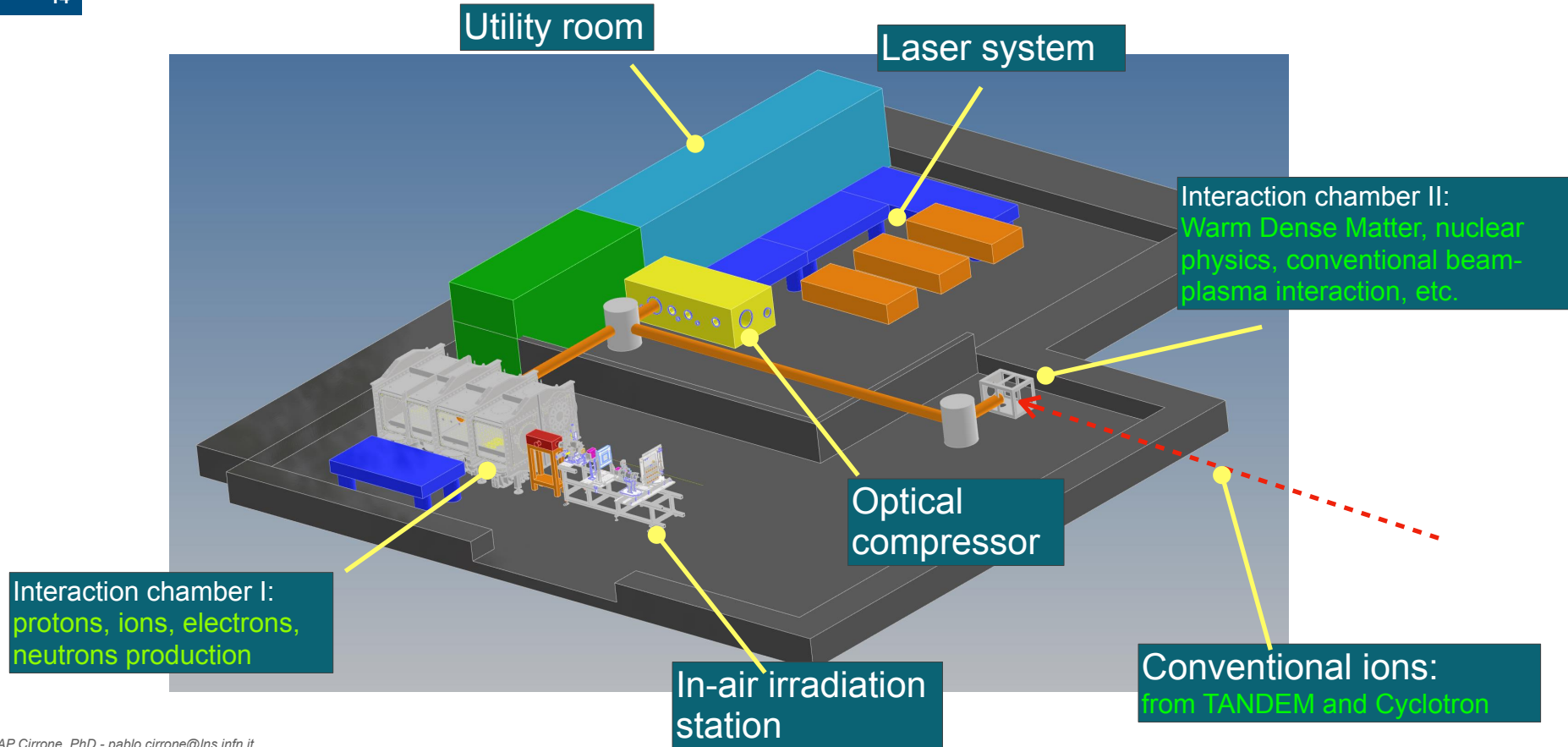
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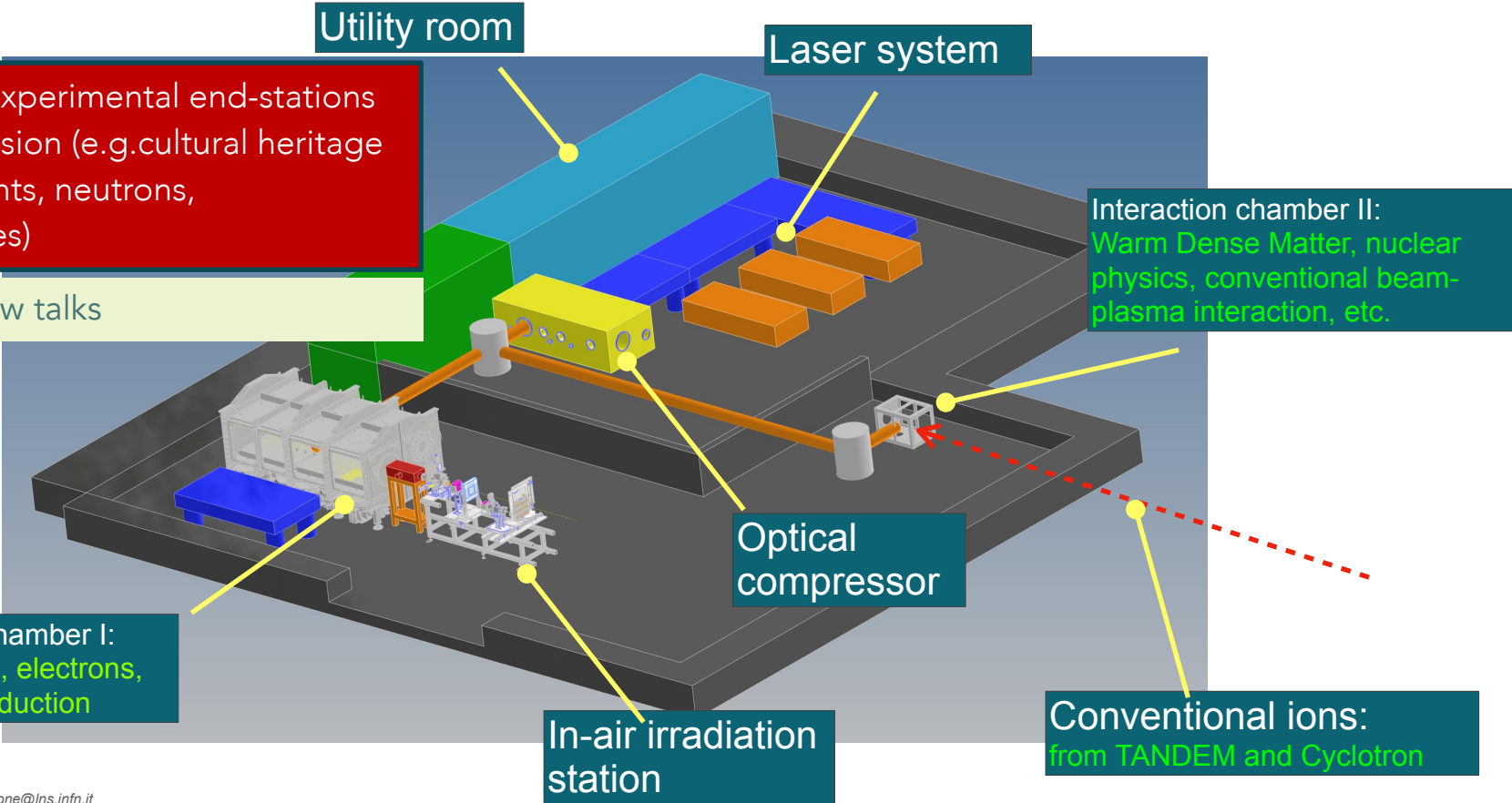


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Additional experimental end-stations are in discussion (e.g. cultural heritage measurements, neutrons, radioisotopes)

See tomorrow talks



# The facility layout (first phase) - summary

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## Two interaction chambers

- 1) **Interaction Chamber n.1:** Radiation production (protons/ions, electrons, neutrons, gamma, etc.)
  - One in-air irradiation station for multidisciplinary studies
  
- 2) **Interaction Chamber n.2:** Warm Dense Matter studies (WDM)
  - Nuclear physics in plasma
  - Interaction of conventional ion beams with laser-generated plasma
  - Nuclear physics fusion studies in plasma
  - .....

## Two working modalities

- 1) Low power: 50 TW/23fs/10Hz
- 2) High power: 350 TW/23fs/1Hz

Upgrade from 350 TW to 500 TW (0.5 M€)

# Low power modality: 50 TW

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Laser Power		$\geq 50 \text{ TW}$
Energy per pulse		$\geq 1 \text{ J}$
Pulse duration		$\leq 23 \text{ fs}$
Focusing surface		$36 \mu\text{m}^2$
Max power density (at the target)		$1.21 \cdot 10^{20}$
$I \cdot \lambda^2$		$7.72 \cdot 10^{19}$
Contrast ratio @100 ps (ASE)		$> 10^{10}$
Repetition rate		$\geq 10 \text{ Hz}$
Protons Ions	Max energy	4 MeV
	Particle per pulse (at 2 MeV)	$10^{11} \text{ MeV}^{-1} \text{ Sr}^{-1}$
	Energy spread	100%
	Beam divergency (max)	$\pm 20^\circ$
Eletrons	Max energy	0.1 GeV
	Particles per pulse	$10^9$
	Beam divergency (max)	$\pm 20 \text{ rad}$
Neutrons	Max energy	TBD
	Particles per pulse	
	Energy spread	
	Beam divergency	
Gamma X-beams	Synchrotron radiation of the electrons inside the plasma or bremsstrahlung	
	Energy	up to 20 MeV
	Beam divergency	Directionality in the beam propagation direction

*Fusion studies,  
nuclear studies,  
radioisotopes production,  
.....*

*Acting on the compression  
procedure, the pulse duration can  
be increased up to 1/10 ps:*

$$\implies 2.78 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ W/cm}^2$$

$$2.78 \cdot 10^{17} \text{ W/cm}^2$$

$$\implies i\lambda^2 = 1.77 \cdot 10^{18}$$

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***Longer plasma expansion times:***

- *Decay studies*
- *Stopping powers studies*
- *WDM characterisation*

**Power densities** can be improved reducing the focusing spot:

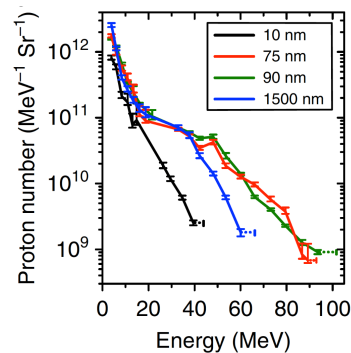
- shorter focusing parabola
- but issues related to the: target degree, back reflection, ...

# High-power modality: 350 TW

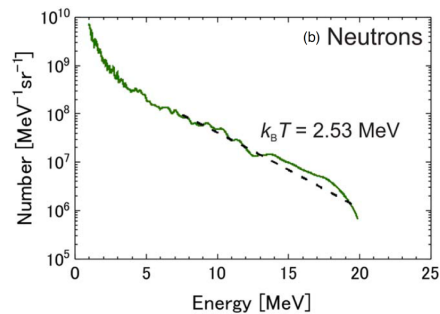
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<p>Protons Ions</p> <p>Max energy</p> <p>Particle per pulse (at 30 MeV)</p> <p>Energy spread</p> <p>Beam divergency (max)</p>	<p>50 MeV</p> <p><math>10^{11} \text{ MeV}^{-1} \text{ Sr}^{-1}</math></p> <p>100%</p> <p><math>\pm 20^\circ</math></p>
<p>Electrons</p> <p>Max energy</p> <p>Particles per pulse</p> <p>Beam divergency (max)</p>	<p>3 GeV</p> <p><math>10^9</math></p> <p><math>\pm 20</math> mad</p>
<p>Neutrons</p> <p>Max energy</p> <p>Particles per pulse</p> <p>Energy spread</p> <p>Beam divergency</p>	<p>20 MeV</p> <p><math>10^{10}</math></p> <p>100</p> <p>Isotropic</p>
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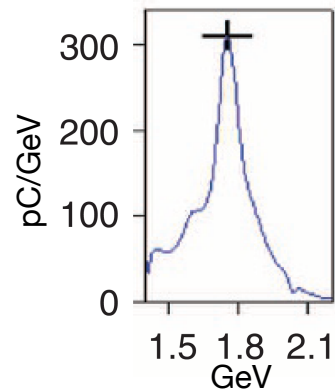
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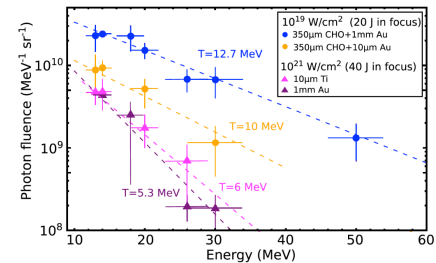
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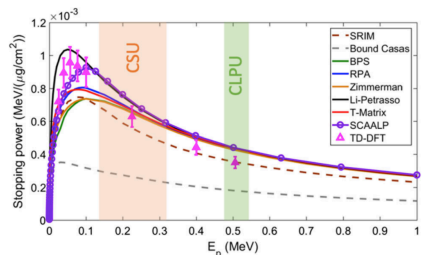


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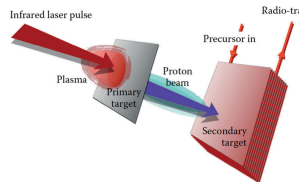


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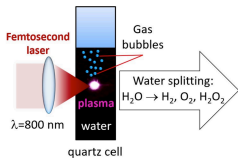
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## Stopping power in plasma



## Radioisotopes



## Hydrogen generation

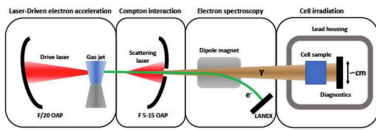
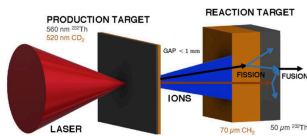
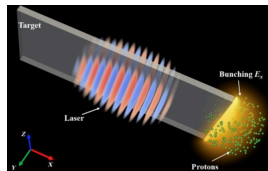


Fig. 48 Setup for the high-brightness  $\gamma$  production via inverse Compton-scattering (from Sari et al. [171])

## Positrons generation



## Nuclear reaction schemes



## Protons and electrons generation

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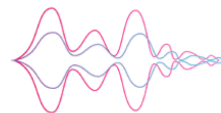
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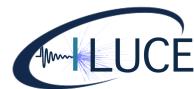
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# Una possibilità unica per la fisica dei nostri Laboratori

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## Studio della Warm Dense Matter dalla interazione ioni (anche/soprattutto di bassa energia) e plasma

**Fisica del plasma:** informazioni sul comportamento delle particelle cariche in questo stato e sulle proprietà globali del plasma stesso.

**Fusione nucleare:** l'interazione di fasci di ioni con un plasma può essere utilizzata per studiare la fusione nucleare controllata. La fusione nucleare è una possibile fonte di energia nel futuro e coinvolge la fusione di nuclei leggeri per formare nuclei più pesanti, rilasciando una grande quantità di energia. Lo studio dell'interazione dei fasci di ioni con un plasma può contribuire alla comprensione delle condizioni necessarie per raggiungere e mantenere una reazione di fusione nucleare stabile.

**Fisica delle collisioni atomiche:** l'interazione tra ioni di bassa energia e plasma può fornire informazioni sulla fisica delle collisioni atomiche. Ciò include lo studio delle collisioni tra ioni e atomi neutri nel plasma, nonché le collisioni tra particelle cariche all'interno del plasma stesso. Questi studi possono rivelare importanti informazioni **sulle sezioni d'urto di collisione, l'energia di eccitazione e ionizzazione degli atomi**, i processi di scambio di energia e quant'altro.

**Processi di scattering:** questi processi coinvolgono la deviazione di particelle cariche da parte di altre particelle o campi all'interno del plasma. L'analisi del processo di scattering può fornire informazioni sulla struttura interna del plasma, nonché sulle forze elettriche e magnetiche che agiscono sulle particelle.

**Ionizzazione e ricombinazione:** lo studio di questi processi può fornire informazioni sulle sezioni d'urto di ionizzazione e ricombinazione, nonché sulle rate di reazione in diverse condizioni di plasma.

**Eccitazione atomica e spettroscopia:** studio della eccitazione degli atomi nel plasma e la conseguente emissione di radiazione. Questo può includere lo studio della spettroscopia di emissione del plasma, che fornisce informazioni sulla struttura atomica e molecolare all'interno del plasma stesso.

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**Risonanze di plasma:** gli ioni nel plasma possono interagire con le onde elettromagnetiche generate dal plasma stesso. Queste interazioni possono portare alla formazione di risonanze di plasma, in cui l'energia viene scambiata tra le particelle cariche e l'onda elettromagnetica. Lo studio di queste risonanze può fornire informazioni sulle proprietà del plasma e sulle interazioni particella-onda.

Oscillazioni elettrostatiche: gli ioni nel plasma possono partecipare a oscillazioni elettrostatiche, come le onde di Langmuir, in cui le particelle cariche si muovono sincronamente sotto l'influenza delle forze elettriche. Lo studio di queste oscillazioni può contribuire alla comprensione delle proprietà di trasporto e delle caratteristiche dinamiche del plasma.

Onde elettromagnetiche: l'interazione tra ioni e plasmi può portare alla generazione e alla propagazione di onde elettromagnetiche nel plasma. Queste onde possono includere onde di plasma, onde di Langmuir, onde di Alfvén e onde elettromagnetiche più complesse. Lo studio di queste onde può fornire informazioni sulle proprietà del plasma, sull'assorbimento e sulla dispersione delle onde elettromagnetiche e sulle interazioni con le particelle cariche.


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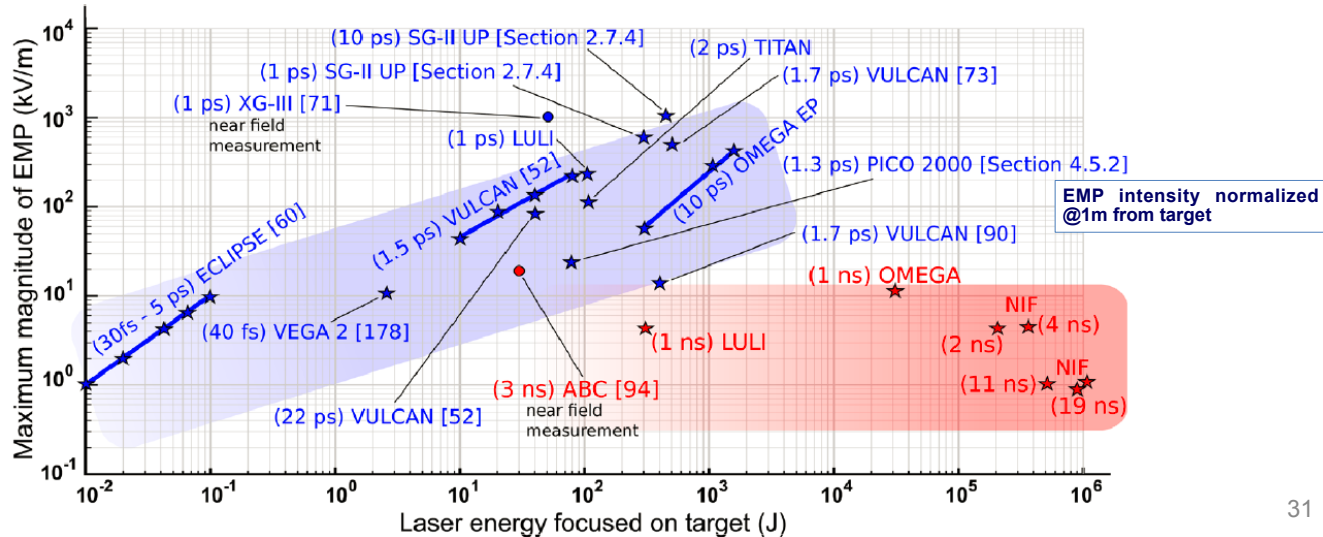
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# Impulsi elettromagnetici generati da interazione laser materia

- Impulsi elettromagnetici (electromagnetic pulses: EMPs) sono classicamente generati da interazioni laser materia ad alta intensità, con impulsi laser dal nanosecondo giù fino al femtosecondo
- Si ottengono intensità fino all'ordine del MV/m e anche oltre, alla distanza dal target di 1 m, e un ampio range di frequenze che vanno dall'ordine del MHz fino al THz
- Sono pertanto riconosciuti come un serio pericolo per l'elettronica, i computer, gli strumenti di diagnostica impiegati nella camera sperimentale, ma anche fuori. E ovviamente è importante confinarli adeguatamente perché non agiscano sul personale



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- E' quindi di estrema importanza
  - definire delle metodologie per minimizzare tali campi elettromagnetici
  - implementare delle soluzioni che
    - confinino il più possibile i campi in zone in cui non ci sia personale
    - minimizzino le intensità dei campi nelle zone in cui il personale è presente, per rispettare i valori di soglia della normativa
    - consentano il corretto funzionamento dell'elettronica e dei dispositivi di diagnostica impiegati
      - a tal fine la minimizzazione dei campi è certamente di primaria importanza
      - impiegando elettronica e dispositivi con alta schermatura ai campi elettromagnetici
  - Impiegare sensori calibrati che garantiscano il monitoraggio del rispetto delle soglie della normativa per il personale e per le condizioni sostenibili dall'elettronica impiegata.
- E' possibile provvedere in maniera adeguata alle operazioni elencate per la protezione del personale e dell'elettronica, come fatto dalle facility laser ad alta intensità operanti oggi nel panorama mondiale e per quelle al momento in fase di costruzione
- È importante provvedere ben prima della costruzione della facility alla parallela definizione ed implementazione di metodologie di adeguata schermatura e minimizzazione dei campi elettromagnetici



# Come avviene l'accelerazione dei protoni e degli ioni

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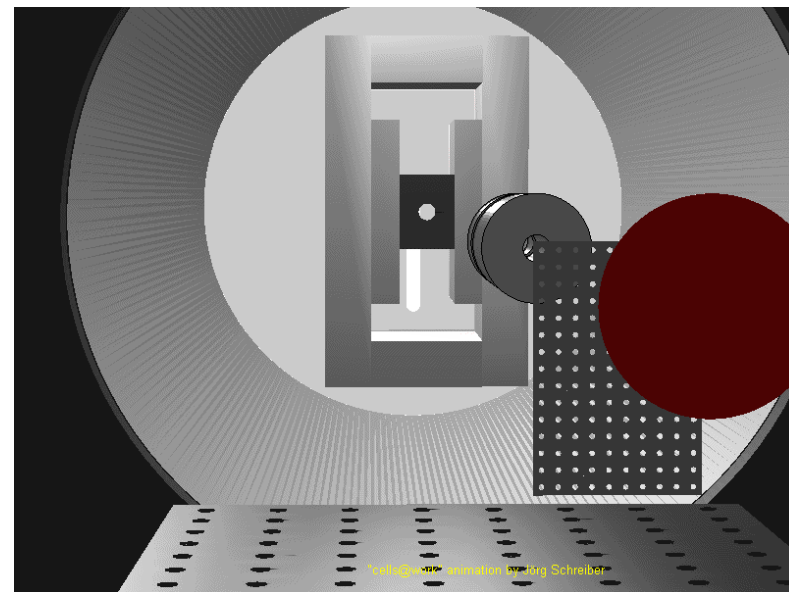


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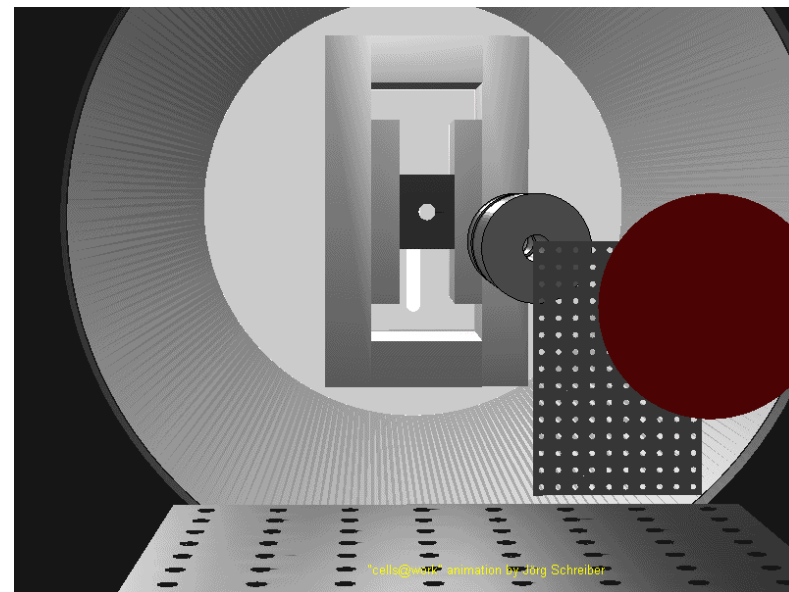


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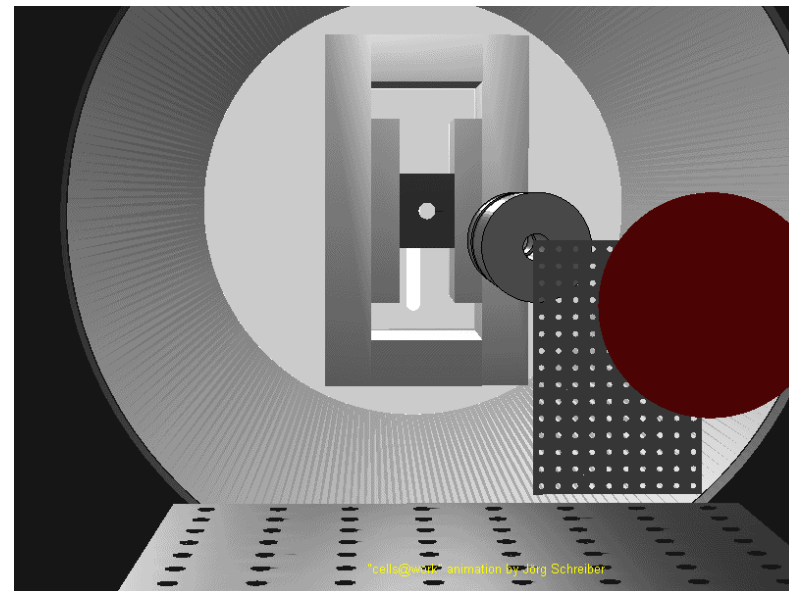
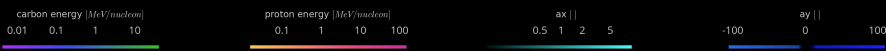
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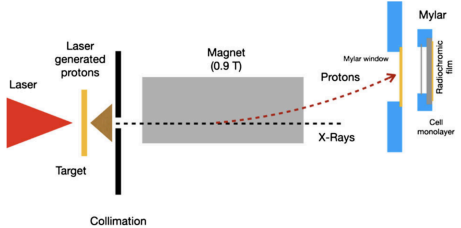
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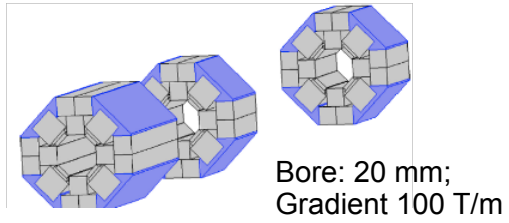
# Soluzioni adottate per selezionare i fasci di protoni



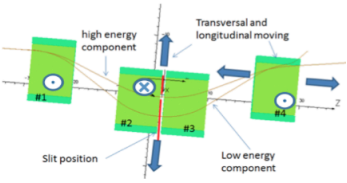
Dipole field: 0.9 T  
 Length: 100 mm  
 Energy selection:  
 up to 30 MeV proton

Single dipole for energy selection

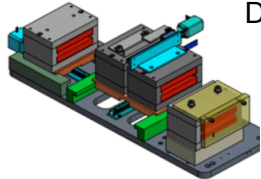
F Hanton, et al.  
 Scientific Reports 9, 4471 (2019)



Bore: 20 mm;  
 Gradient 100 T/m

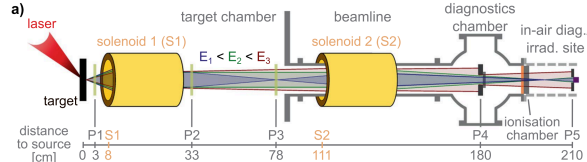


Dipole field: 0.8 T

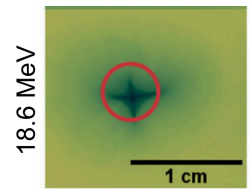
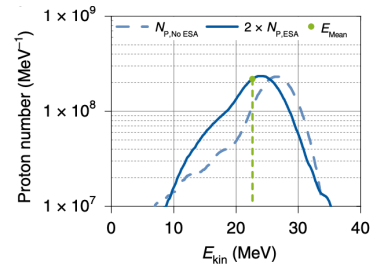


Quadrupoles + energy selector  
 Transport up to 30 MeV with an  
 energy revolution of 5 %

F Schillaci, et al.  
 NIMA, 837, 80-87 (2016)



On-axis magnetic field up to 19.5 T  
 Rep rate: up to 3 pulse per minute



Pulsed solenoids

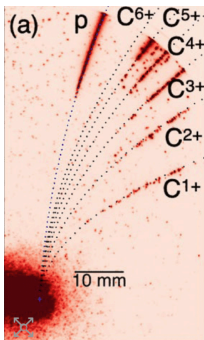
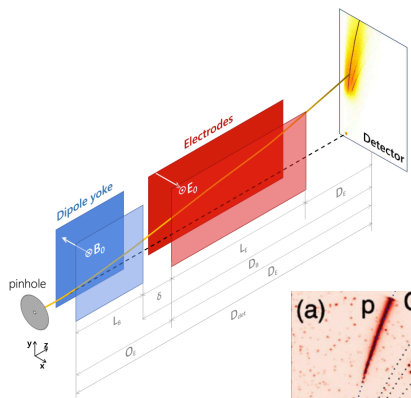
F Kroll et al. Nature Physics 18,  
 316–322 (2022)

# Esempi di rivelatori attivi

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## Thomson-like spectrometer

Particle max energy  
Plasma species detection  
Energy spectra if properly calibrated

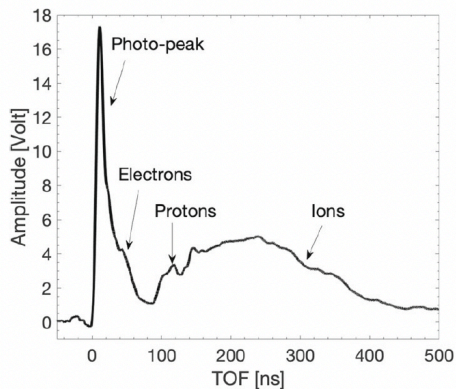


Principle:  
Orthogonal Electric  
and magnetic fields  
=>  
charge separation and  
energy evaluation

A Alejo et al.  
JNIST 11 C10005 (2016)

## TOF - approach detectors

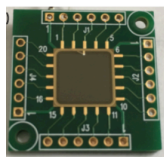
Particle max energy  
Energy spectra



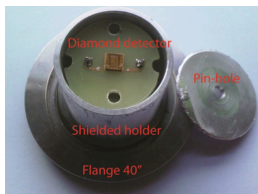
Typical Time of  
Flight spectra



Energy spectra  
can be derived



New generation of Silicon Carbide  
(left), Diamonds, Faraday Cups  
properly shielded for the EMP,  
are often used in this configuration



A diamond detector typically used  
in laser-driven experiments

M Marinelli et al.  
JNIST 11 C10005 (2016)

G Milluzzo et al.  
Review of Scientific Instruments 90,  
083303 (2019); SI 11 C10005 (2016)

## Scintillators both in single and stack configuration

Beam profile and energy spectra  
reconstruction

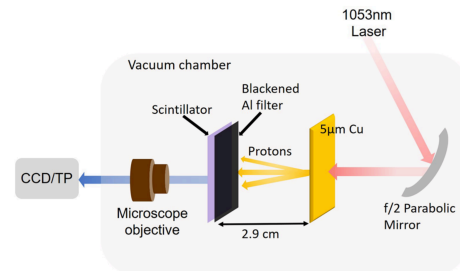


FIG. 1. A schematic of the experimental setup. A 1053 nm high intensity laser pulse is focused by a f/2 parabolic mirror onto a 5 μm Cu target to generate TNSA proton beams. The proton beam is measured either by the TP spectrometer to measure the energy spectrum or by the scintillator imaged onto a CCD with/without a microscope objective system to diagnose the spatial resolution.

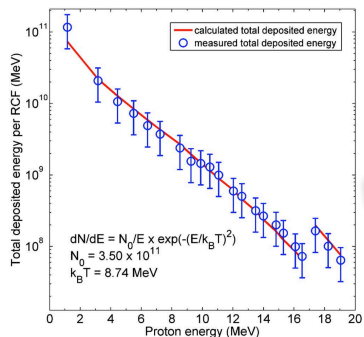
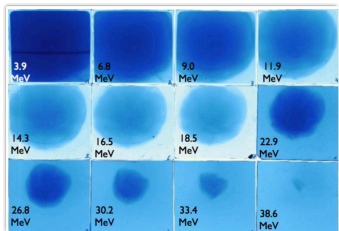
H Tang et al.  
Rev. Sci. Instrum. 91, 123304  
(2020);

# Esempi di rivelatori passivi

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## Radiochromic films

beam profile and energy spectra reconstruction



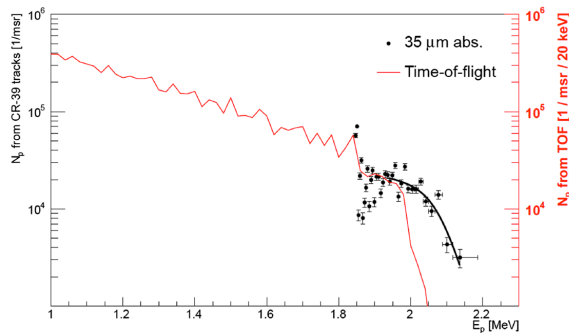
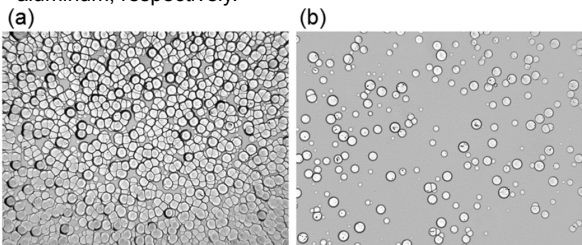
TRIDENT laser-driven protons  
RAL (UK)

F Nürnberg, et al.  
Review of Scientific Instruments 80,  
033301 (2009);

## CR39

Flux measure  
Energy spectra

Microscopic images of CR-39 samples exposed to a single laser shot (example 3), covered with (a) 25  $\mu\text{m}$  and (b) 35  $\mu\text{m}$  of aluminum, respectively.

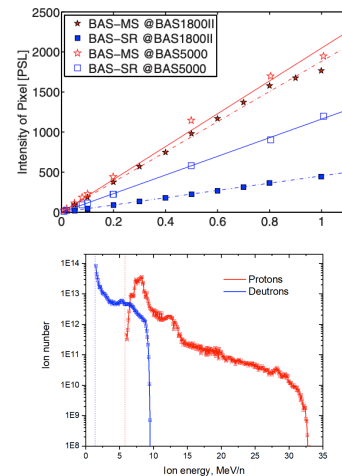


M Seimetz, et al.  
Review of Scientific Instruments 89, 023302 (2018);

## Image plate are photostimulable phosphor screen [BaFBr:Eu2+]

Flux measure  
Energy spectra  
Beam distribution

PSL: photo stimulated luminescence



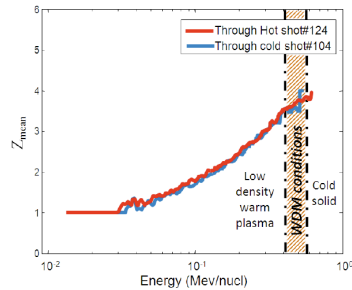
Laser-driven spectra of protons and deuterons

D O Gloving et al.  
JINST 16 T02005 (2021);

# Cos'altro possiamo fare?

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Interaction of ion beams with plasmas  
(charge exchange, stopping, etc)



M. Gauthier, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **110**, 135003 (2013)



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