EUROPEAN PLASMA RESEARCH ACCELERATOR WITH EXCELLENCE IN APPLICATIONS



EuPRAXIA accelerator and facility: a technical perspective Massimo Ferrario (INFN-LNF) On behalf of the EuPRAXIA Collaboration EUROPEAN PLASMA RESEARCH ACCELERATOR WITH EXCELLENCE IN APPLICATIONS







- How many people here never heard of EuPRAXIA?
- Do you know the meaning of EuPRAXIA?
   "good practice"
- Why Saint EuPRAXIA (July 25)?

Saint EuPRAXIA was the daughter of the Constantinople dignitary Antigonos, very close to the Emperor Theodosius the Great (379-395).

Saint Eupraxia, when she reached the age of maturity, intensified her ascetic efforts all the more.

At first she took of food once a day, then after two days, three days, and finally, once a week.







- \*\*EuPRAXIA is a European research initiative focused on developing a next-generation particle accelerator based on advanced plasma acceleration technology.
- The goal of EuPRAXIA is to demonstrate a compact, high-performance particle accelerator that can deliver high-quality electron beams using plasma wakefield acceleration, which is more compact and cost-effective than conventional accelerators.
- Key Aspects of EuPRAXIA:
- 1. \*\*Plasma Wakefield Acceleration \*: EuPRAXIA uses plasma waves created by a laser or particle beam to accelerate particles over shorter distances, making the system more compact and efficient.
- 2. \*\*Applications\*\*: EuPRAXIA's technology has potential applications in various fields, including high-energy physics, materials science, medical imaging, and cancer treatment. It aims to provide new opportunities for scientific research and industrial applications.
- 3. \*\*International Collaboration\*\*: The project involves collaboration between research institutions, universities, and industries from multiple European countries.
- 4. \*\*Future Impact\*\*: The success of EuPRAXIA could pave the way for more accessible, cost-effective accelerators, enabling advanced scientific experiments in a range of fields that require high-energy particle beams. EuPRAXIA is considered an innovative step forward in accelerator technology, with the potential to transform how particle accelerators are built and used.



## **A New European High-Tech User Facility**



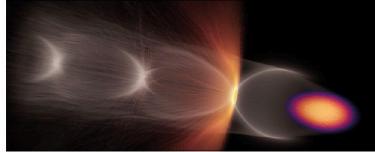
FEATURE EUPRAXIA

Building a facility with very high field plasma accelerators, driven by lasers or beams  $1 - 100 \,\text{GV/m}$  accelerating field

> Shrink down the facility size Improve Sustainability

Producing particles and photons to support several urgent and timely science cases

Drive short wavelength FEL Pave the way for future Linear Colliders



Surf's up Simulation of electron-driven plasma wakefield acceleration, showing the drive electron beam (orange/purple), the plasma electron wake (arev) and wakefield-ionised electrons forming a witness beam (orange).

#### FUROPE TARGETS A USER FACILITY PLASMA ACCELERATION

Ralph Assmann, Massimo Ferrario and Carsten Welsch describe the status of the ESFRI project EuPRAXIA, which aims to develop the first dedicated research infrastructure based on novel plasma-acceleration concepts.

nergetic beams of particles are used to explore the This scientific success story has been made possible fundamental forces of nature, produce known and through a continuous cycle of innovation in the physics unknown particles such as the Higgs boson at the and technology of particle accelerators, driven for many LHC, and generate new forms of matter, for example at the decades by exploratory research in nuclear and particle future FAIR facility. Photon science also relies on particle physics. The invention of radio-frequency (RF) technology beams: electron beams that emit pulses of intense syn- in the 1920s opened the path to an energy gain of several chrotron light, including soft and hard X-rays, in either tens of MeV per metre. Very-high-energy accelerators were circular or linear machines. Such light sources enable constructed with RF technology, entering the GeV and time-resolved measurements of biological, chemical and finally the TeV energy scales at the Tevatron and the LHC. physical structures on the molecular down to the atomic New collision schemes were developed, for example the scale, allowing a diverse global community of users to mini "beta squeeze" in the 1970s, advancing luminosity investigate systems ranging from viruses and bacteria and collision rates by orders of magnitudes. The invention to materials science, planetary science, environmental of stochastic cooling at CERN enabled the discovery of science, nanotechnology and archaeology. Last but not the W and Z bosons 40 years ago. least, particle beams for industry and health support many However, intrinsic technological and conceptual limits manufacturing to cancer therapy.

THE AUTHORS Rainh Assmann

DESY and INEN Massimo Ferrario societal applications ranging from the X-ray inspection mean that the size and cost of RF-based particle accel- INFN. Carsten of cargo containers to food sterilisation, and from chip erators are increasing as researchers seek higher beam Welsch University energies. Colliders for particle physics have reached a of Liverpool/INFN.

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https://www.eupraxia-facility.org/



### The EuPRAXIA CDR



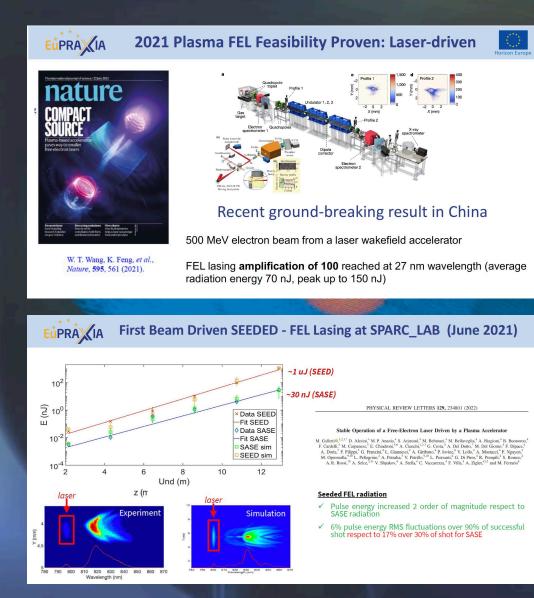
- First ever design of a plasma accelerator facility.
- Conceptual Design Report for a distributed research infrastructure funded by EU Horizon2020 program.
   Completed by 16+25 institutes.
- Challenges addressed by EuPRAXIA since 2015:
  - Can plasma accelerators produce usable electron beams?
  - For what can we use those beams while we increase the beam energy towards HEP and collider usages?
- Next phase consortium: > 50 institutes
- Preparatory Phase project: 2022 2026 (approved)
- Start of 1<sup>st</sup> operation: **2029**

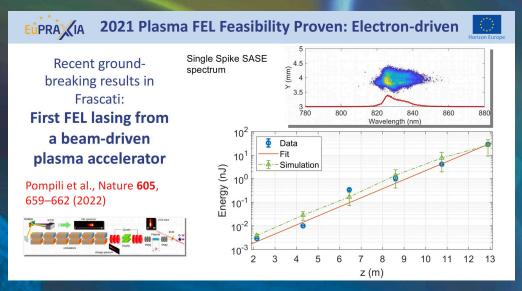


http://www.eupraxia-project.eu

600+ page CDR, 240 scientists contributed

### Basic beam quality achieved in pilot FEL experiments

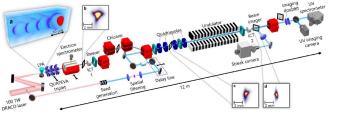




EUPRAXIA

#### Seeded UV free-electron laser driven by LWFA

Collaboration Soleil/HZ Dresden, published on Nat. Photon. (2022). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41566-022-01104-w



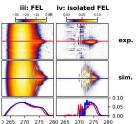
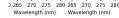


FIG. 1. Experimental layout. The electron beam generated in the LPA is first characterized using a removable electron spectrometer and then sent through a triplet of quadrupoles (QUAPEVAs) for beam transport to the undulator and FEL radiation generation. ICTs: Integrated Current Transformers. Non-labelled elements: dipoles (*rd blocks*), optical lenses (*blue*), mirrors (*grey circled black disks*). Inset a: Particle-in-Cell simulation renders of the accelerating structure driven by the laser pulse (*red*), the electron eavity sheet formed from the plasma medium (*light blue*) is visible in *grape* and the accelerated electron bunch visible in *grape*. Insets b,c,d: Electron beam transverse distribution measured at LPA exit (b), at undulator entrance (c) and at undulator exit (d).

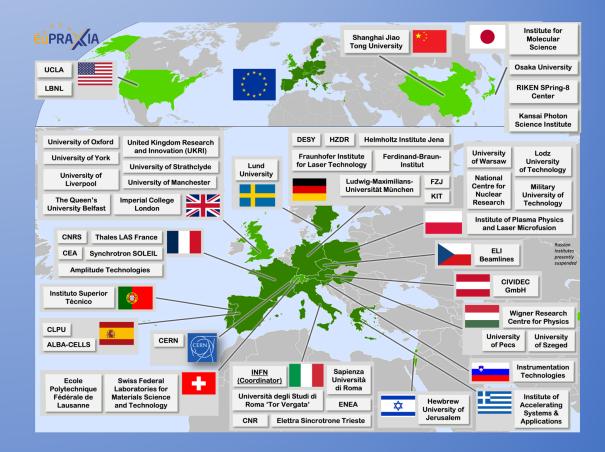






- The EuPRAXIA Consortium today: 54 institutes from 18 countries plus CERN
- Included in the ESFRI Road Map
- Efficient fund raising:
- -Preparatory Phase consortium (funding EU, UK, Switzerland, in-kind)
- -Doctoral Network (funding EU, UK, inkind)
- -EuPRAXIA@SPARC\_LAB (Italy, in-kind)
- -EuAPS Project (Next Generation EU)

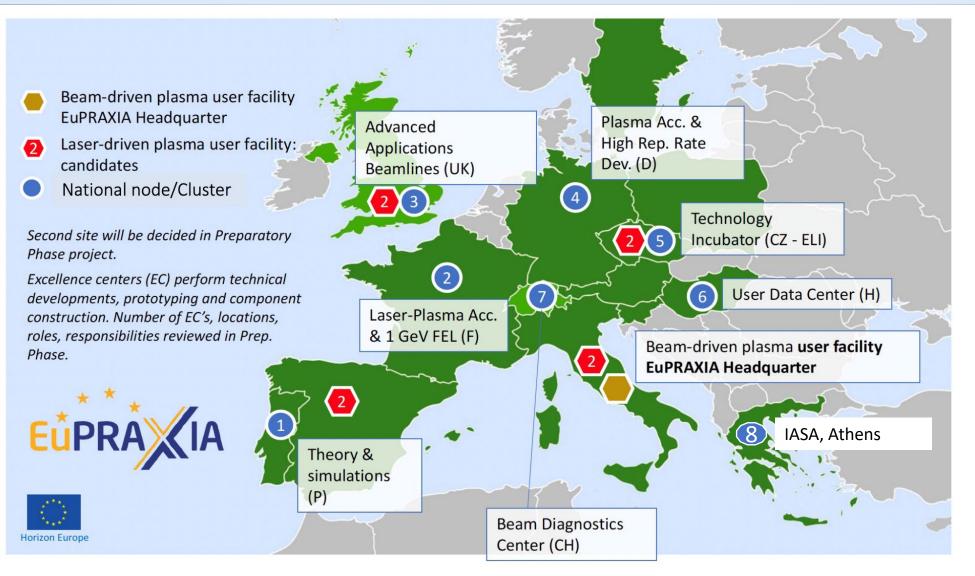
-What Next? => PACRI !





### **Distributed Research Infrastructure**





A large collection of the best European know-hows in accelerators, lasers an plasma technologies

Network organization - Sites (PWFA/LWFA)

- National nodes
- Technology clusters

4 candidates for LWFA:

- CLPU, Salamanca
- CNR-INO, Pisa
- ELI ERIC, Prague
- EPAC-RAL, UK



### **Phased Implementation of Construction Sites**



FEL user area 1

FEL user area 2

	Laser-driven	Beam-driven
Phase 1	<ul> <li>✓ <u>FEL beamline to 1 GeV</u></li> <li>+ user area 1</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ <u>FEL beamline to 1</u></li> <li><u>GeV</u> + user area 1</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>✓ <u>Ultracompact positron</u> <u>source beamline</u> + positron user area</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ <u>GeV-class positrons</u></li> <li><u>beamline</u> + positron</li> <li>user area</li> </ul>
Phase 2	<ul> <li>✓ <u>X-ray imaging</u></li> <li><u>beamline</u> + user area</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ <u>ICS source</u> beamline + user area</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>✓ Table-top test beams user area</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ HEP detector tests user area</li> </ul>
	✓ FEL user area 2	✓ FEL user area 2
	✓ FEL to 5 GeV	✓ FEL to 5 GeV
Phase 3	<ul> <li>✓ High-field physics beamline / user area</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Medical imaging beamline / user area</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>✓ Other future developments</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Other future developments</li> </ul>

Laser

**RF** Injector

Plasma

Accelerator

Undulator Undulator

**Beamline LB-A: FEL** 

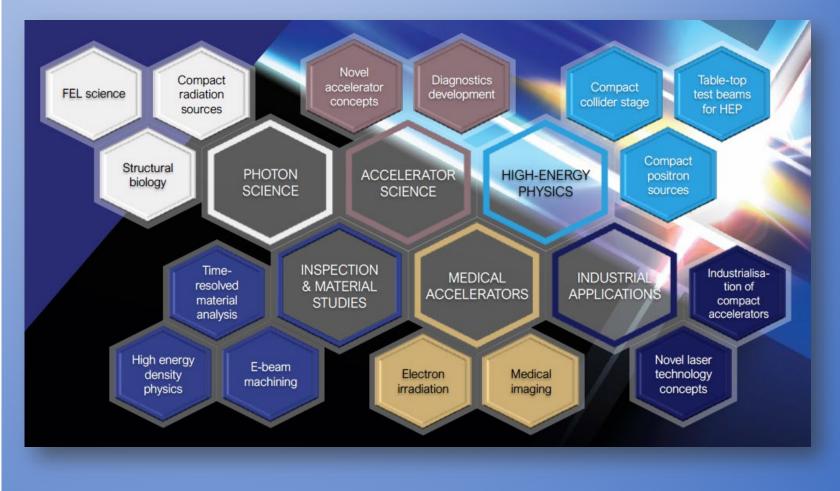
# EUPRAXIA Intense R&D Program on critical components



### • Electrons (0.1-5 GeV, 30 pC)

- Positrons
   (0.5-10 MeV, 10<sup>6</sup>)
- Positrons (GeV source)
- Lasers (100 J, 50 fs, 10-100 Hz)
- X-band RF Linac
   (60 MV/m , up to 400 Hz)
- Plasma Targets
- Betatron X rays (1-10 keV, 10<sup>10</sup>)
- FEL light (0.2-36 nm, 10<sup>9</sup>-10<sup>13</sup>)

High Acc. Tech. available => not limited to Plasma Acceleration applications on a longer term perspective



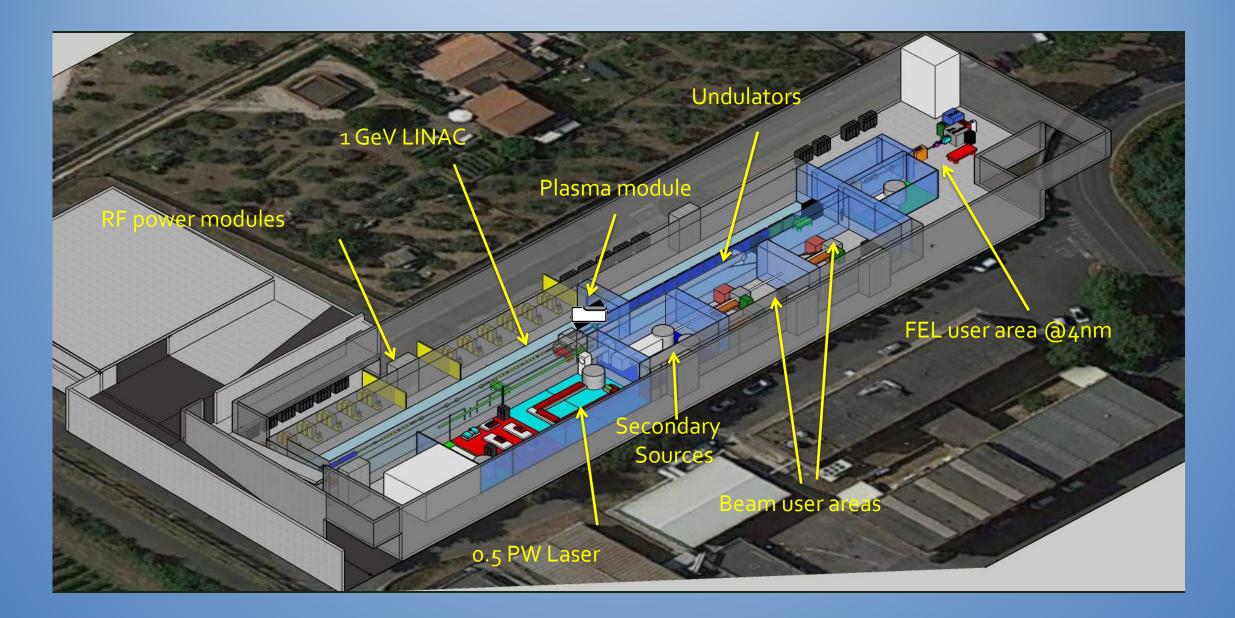
# **EUPRAXIA Headquarter and Site 1: EuPRAXIA@SPARC\_LAB**





- Frascati's future facility
- > 130 M€ invest funding
- Beam-driven plasma accelerator
- Europe`s most compact and most southern FEL
- The world`s most compact RF accelerator (X band with CERN)

### EuPRAXIA@SPARC\_LAB





### **High Quality Electron Beams**



Witness

30

101.5

0.15

12

0.69

10

Driver

200

103.2

0.67

20

1.95

10

Unit

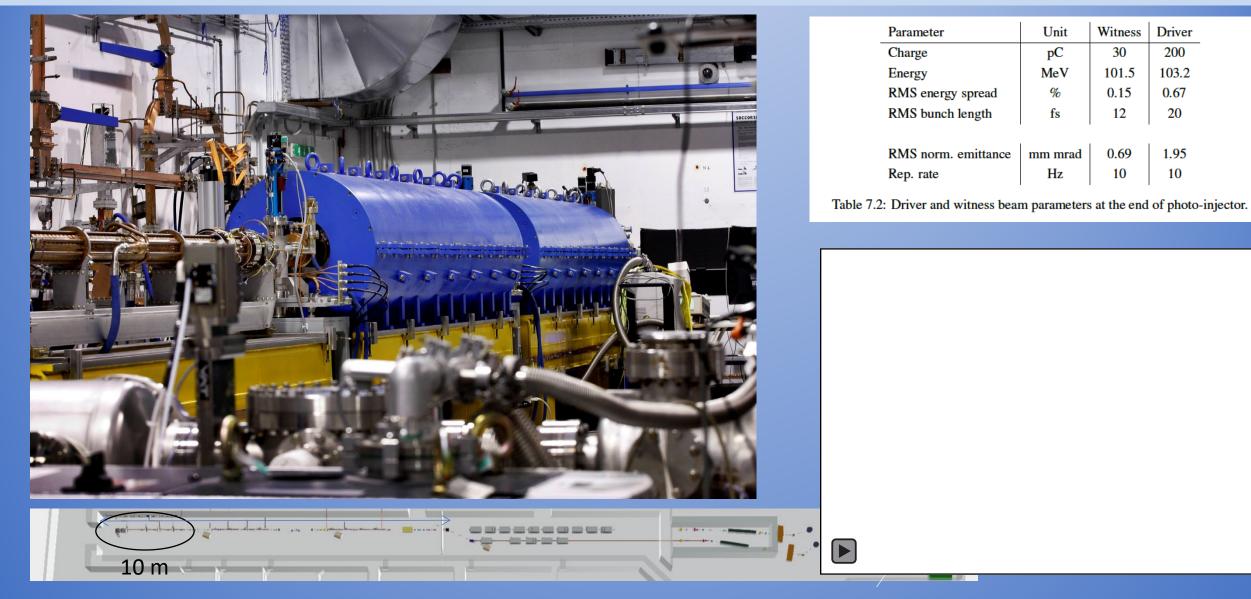
pC

MeV

%

fs

Hz



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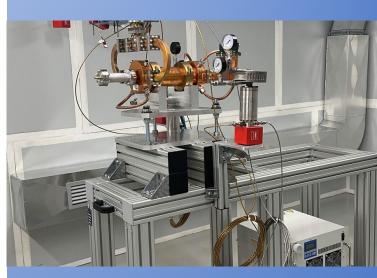


## World's Most Compact RF Linac: X Band



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1.	E.m. design: done	¢ffffffffðiðið
2.	Thermo-mechanical analysis: done	
3.	Mechanical design: done	Pressure distribution
4.	Vacuum calculations: done	-q=1e-10 -q=1e-10 -q=1e-10 -q=1e-14
5.	Dark current simulations: done	1,6-12 0 15 30 45 60 75 90 Z [cm]
6.	Waveguide distribution simulation with attenuation calculations: <i>done</i>	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10

	Valu	Value		
PARAMETER	with linear	w/o		
	tapering	tapering		
Frequency [GHz]	11.9942			
Average acc. gradient [MV/m]	60			
Structures per module	2			
Iris radius a [mm]	3.85-3.15	3.5		
Tapering angle [deg]	0.04	0		
Struct. length L <sub>s</sub> act. Length (flange-to-flange) [m]	0.94 (1	.05)		
No. of cells	112	2		
Shunt impedance R [MΩ/m]	93-107	100		
Effective shunt Imp. $R_{sh eff}$ [M $\Omega$ /m]	350	347		
Peak input power per structure [MW] 70				
Input power averaged over the pulse [MW]	51			
Average dissipated power [kW]	1			
P <sub>out</sub> /P <sub>in</sub> [%]	25			
<sup>10</sup> <sub>12</sub> Filling time [ns]	130			
Peak Modified Poynting Vector [W/µm <sup>2</sup> ]	3.6	4.3		
Peak surface electric field [MV/m]	160	190		
Unloaded SLED/BOC Q-factor Q <sub>0</sub> 150000		00		
External SLED/BOC Q-factor Q <sub>E</sub>	External SLED/BOC Q-factor Q <sub>E</sub> 21300 20			
Required Kly power per module [MW]	20			
RF pulse [µs]	1.5			
Rep. Rate [Hz]	100	)		





Courtesy D. Alesini

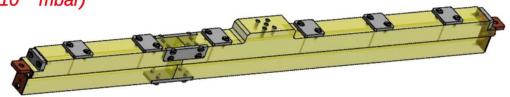
### **Plasma Module**







- 40 cm long capillary  $\rightarrow 1^{st}$  prototype for the EuPRAXIA facility
  - Made with special junction to allow negligible gas leaks (<10<sup>-10</sup> mbar)
- Operating conditions
  - 1 Hz repetition rate (to be increased up to 100 Hz)
  - 10 kV 380 A minimum values for ionization
  - 6 inlets for gas injection. Electro-valve aperture time 8-12 ms



A. Biagioni, V. Lollo

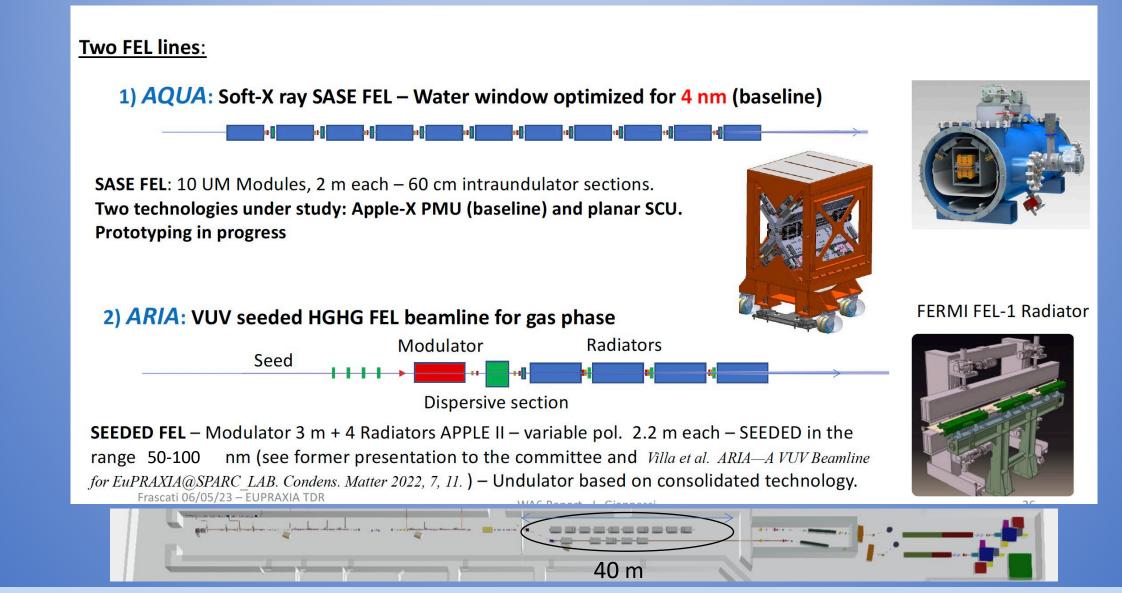


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### **Radiation Generation: FEL**





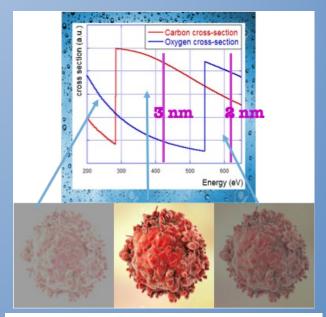
#### Courtesy L. Giannessi

### **Expected SASE FEL performances**

Parameter	Unit	PWFA	Full X-band
Electron Energy	GeV	<b>1-1.2</b>	1
Bunch Charge	pC	<b>30-</b> 50	200-500
Peak Current	kA	1-2	1-2
RMS Energy Spread	%	0.1	0.1
RMS Bunch Length	$\mu$ m	6-3	24-20
RMS norm. Emittance	$\mu$ m	1	1
Slice Energy Spread	%	≤0.05	≤0.05
Slice norm Emittance	mm-mrad	0.5	0.5

Parameter	Unit	PWFA	Full X-band
Radiation Wavelength	nm	3-4	4
Photons per Pulse	× 10 <sup>12</sup>	0.1- 0.25	1
Photon Bandwith	%	0.1	0.5
Undulator Area Length	m	3	0
ρ(1D/3D)	$\times 10^{-3}$	2	2
Photon Brilliance per shot	s mm <sup>2</sup> mrad <sup>2</sup> ) bw(0.1%)		$1 \times 10^{27}$

In the Energy region between Oxygen and Carbon K-edge 2.34 nm – 4.4 nm (530 eV -280 eV) water is almost transparent to radiation while nitrogen and carbon are absorbing (and scattering)



Coherent Imaging of biological samples protein clusters, VIRUSES and cells living in their native state Possibility to study dynamics ~10 <sup>11</sup> photons/pulse needed

Courtesy C. Vaccarezza/L. Giannessi

Courtesy F. Stellato, UniToV



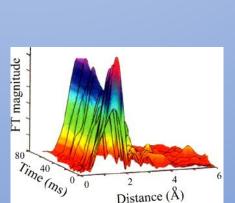
### **AQUA beamline scientific case**



### **Experimental techniques and typology of samples**

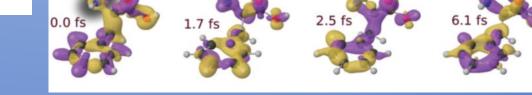
**Coherent** imaging

X-ray spectroscopy



(Large) Viruses Organelles Bacteria/Cells Metals Semiconductors Superconductors Magnetic materials Organic molecules

### Raman spectroscopy



**Photo-fragmentation of molecules** 

Courtesy F. Stellato

High Precision X-Ray Measurements 2023 – F. Villa – The EuPRAXIA@SPARC\_LAB project 19



# **ARIA beamline scientific case**



### **Defining experimental techniques and typology of samples (and applications)**

### Photoemission Spectroscopy

Photoelectron Circular Dichroism

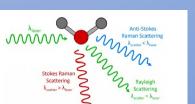
Raman spectroscopy

Photo-fragmentation of molecules Time of Flight Spectroscopy

Flavor & Fragrance



)-asparagine (R)-asparagine flavourless sweet



Gas phase & Atmosphere (Earth & Planets) Aerosols (Pollution, nanoparticles) Molecules & gases (spectroscopies, time-of-flight) **Proteins** (spectroscopies) Surfaces (ablation & deposition)

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High Precision X-Ray Measurements 2020

Momentum-imaging ion TOF spectrometer e EuPRAXIA@SPARC\_LAB project 20



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EuAPS: EuPRAXIA Advance Photon Sources - Principal Investigator: M. Ferrario,

- Infrastructure Manager: C. Bortolin,

- Management and Dissemination: A. Falone

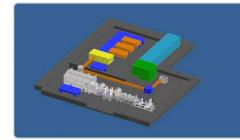
#### Research

The **EuPRAXIA Advanced Photon Sources** (**EuAPS**) project, led by INFN in collaboration with CNR and University of Tor Vergata, foresees the construction of a laserdriven "betatron" X Ray user facility at the LNF SPARC\_LAB laboratory. EuAPS includes also the development of high power (up to 1 PW at LNS) and high repetition rate (up to 100 Hz at CNR Pisa) drive lasers for EuPRAXIA. EuAPS has received a financial support of 22.3 MEuro from the PNRR plan on "creation of a new RI among those listed in NPRI with medium or high priority" and has received the highest score for the action 3.1.1 of the ESFRI area "Physical Sciences and Engineering".

#### A. Cianchi (Uni ToV)

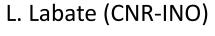
**Betatron Radiation Source** 

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P. Cirrone (INFN-LNS)







High Repetition Rate Laser Beamline



M. Ferrario et al. INFN-23-12-LNF (2023)

# **Towards EuPRAXIA Laser Specs**

Eupraxia laser development is aimed at delivering more efficient, kW class PW laser driver for plasma acceleration at >100 Hz rate

**AI** 



PW class,

**E**<sup><sup>1</sup></sup>**PRA**<sup>×</sup>IA

- Hz repetition rate,
- ≈10 W average power

Advanced Photon Sources

- flashlamp pumped
- No thermal load transport

- EuAPS
- 50 TW peak power
- 100 Hz repetition rate
- 100 W average power
- Diode pumped
- Thermal load effects



- PW class,
- 100 Hz repetition rate,
- multi kW average power,
- diode pumped
- Full thermal load transport













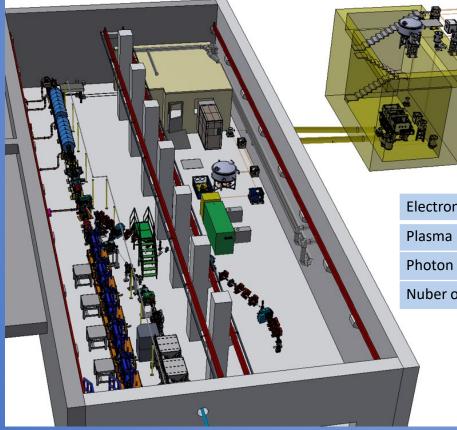
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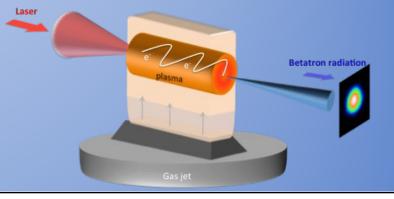




### **Betatron Radiation Source at SPARC\_LAB**



Electron beam Energy [MeV]	50-800
Plasma Density [cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	10 <sup>17</sup> - 10 <sup>19</sup>
Photon Critical Energy [keV]	1 - 10
Nuber of Photons/pulse	$10^{6} - 10^{9}$







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### **Betatron radiation**

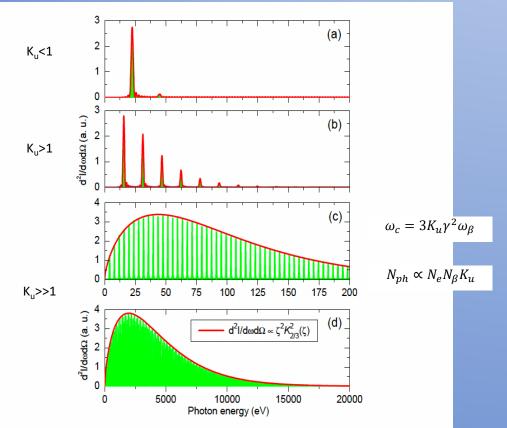


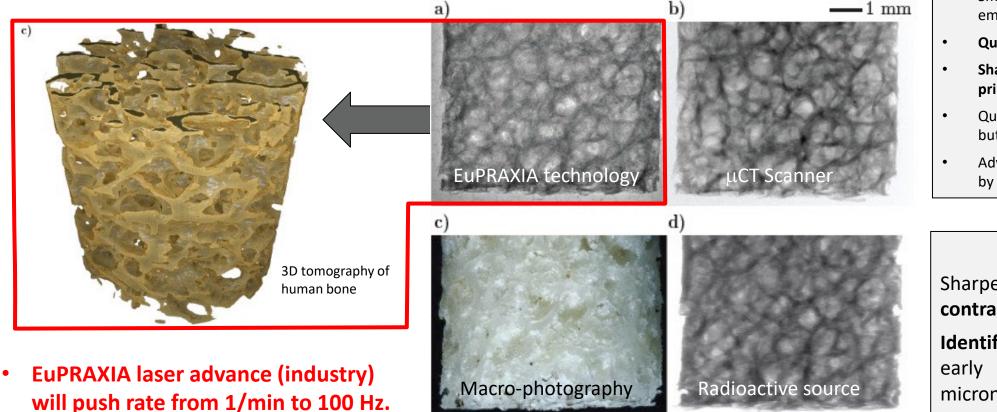
Figure 3.3: Calculated betatron radiation spectra in a plasma column with density of  $7 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . The electron energy is 15 MeV, and oscillation amplitudes are (a) 0.1  $\mu$ m, (b) 0.5  $\mu$ m, and (c) 1.6  $\mu$ m. (d) shows the case of a 100 MeV electron with an oscillation amplitude of 1.6  $\mu$ m.

 Ultrafast - laser pulse duration tens of fs useful for time resolved experiments (XFEL tens of fs, synchrotron tens to 100 ps).
 Broad energy spectrum - important for X-ray spectroscopy.
 High brightness - small source size and high photon flux for fast processes.
 Large market - 50 synchrotron light sources worldwide, 6 hard XFEL's and 3 soft-ray ones (many accelerators operational and some under construction).

### **Betatron X Rays: Compact Medical Imaging**

J.M. Cole et al, "Laser-wakefield accelerators as hard x-ray sources for 3D medical imaging of human bone". Nature Scientific Reports 5, 13244 (2015)

**E**<sup><sup>•</sup></sup>PRA IA



- Physics & Technology Background:
  - Small EuPRAXIA accelerator  $\rightarrow$  small emission volume for betatron X rays.
- Quasi-pointlike emission of X rays.
- Sharper image from base optical principle.
- Quality demonstrated and published, but takes a few hours for one image.
- Advancing flux rate with EuPRAXIA laser by factor > 1,000!

#### Added value

Sharper images with outstanding contrast

**Identify smaller features** (e.g. early detection of cancer at micron-scale – calcification)

Laser advance in EuPRAXIA → fast imaging (e.g. following moving organs during surgery)

Ultra-compact source of hard X rays → exposing from various directions simultaneously is possible in upgrades



# **NEXT STEP: PACRI**



• HORIZON-INFRA-2024-TECH-01-01: R&D for the next generation of scientific instrumentation, tools, methods, solutions for RI upgrade

#### • Dead line 12 March 2024

• Target Budget ~10 MEuro

#### 25 Members + 1 Associated partner

#### 19 Universities and Scientific Labs. + 7 Industries

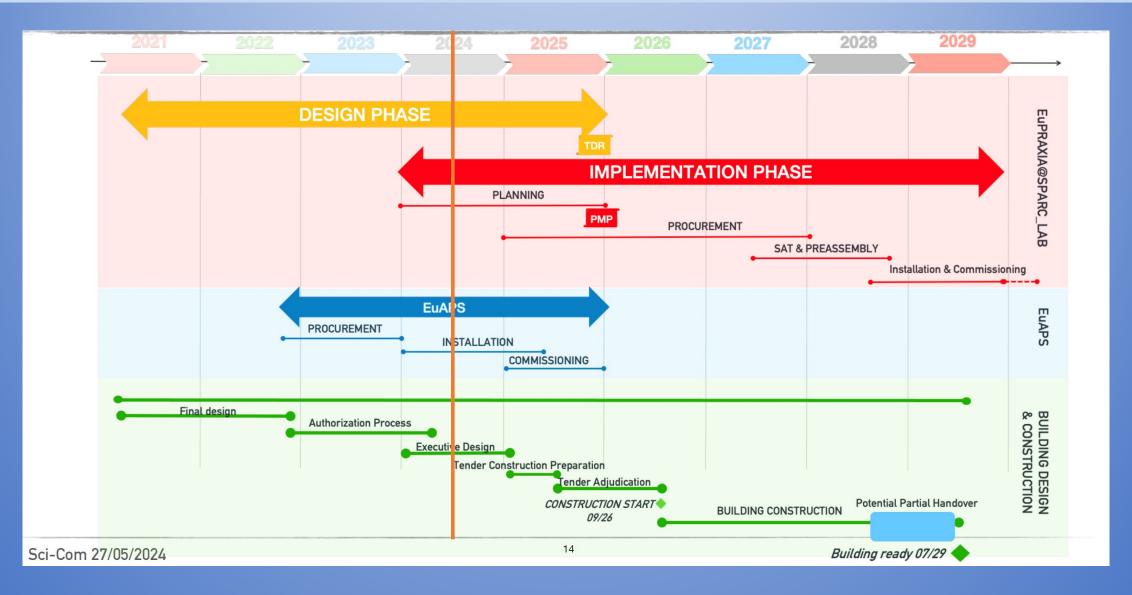
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1	Elettra - Sincrotrone Trieste SOpA(Coordinator)	ST
2	European Organization for Nuclear Research	CERN
3	Istituto Nazionale Fisica Nucleare	INFN
4	University of Liverpool	ULIV
5	Thales-MIS	Th-MIS
6	Scandinova Systems AB	SCND
7	VDL ETG Technology & Development BV	VDL
8	COMEB	COMEB
9	United Kingdom Research and Innovation	UKRI
10	Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche	CNR
11	Extreme Light Infrastructure ERIC	ELIERIC
12	Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique CNRS	CNRS
13	Thales LAS France SAS	Th-LAS
14	Amplitude	Amplitude
15	Centro de LÁSERES Pulsados	CLPU
16	Ferdinand-Braun-Institut gGmbH, Leibniz-Institut für Hoechstfrequenztechnik	FBH
17	Associacao do instituto superior Tecnico para a Investigacao e Desenvolvimento	IST
18	Università degli Studi di Roma La Sapienza	USAP
19	Heinrich-Heine-Universitaet Duesseldorf	UDUS
20	Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron DESY	DESY
21	The Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the Univ. of Oxford	UOX
22	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitaet Muenchen	LMU
	GSI Helmholtz Centre for Heavy Ion Research	GSI
24	Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata	UTOR
25	SourceLAB	SourceLAB
26	Paul Scherrer Institut (Associated partner)	PSI

WP No.	Work Package Title	Lead Partic. Short Name
1	Coordination and project management	ELETTRA
2	Scientific and industrial exploitation	ULIV
3	Plasma accelerator theory and simulations	IST
4	High repetition rate plasma structures	INFN
5	Plasma acceleration diagnostics and instrumentation	CNRS
6	High efficiency RF generator	Thales-MIS
7	High repetition rate modulator	Scandinova
8	X-band RF Pulse Compressor (BOC)	INFN
9	RF tests and validation	CERN
10	High repetition rate high power Ti:Sa amplifier module	UKRI
11	Efficient kHz laser driver modules for plasma acceleration	CNR
12	High-rep rate pump sources for laser drivers	ELI-ERIC
13	Prototype of high average power optical compressor	Thales-LAS
14	Laser Driver System Architecture, transport and engineering	CNRS



# EuPRAXIA@SPARC\_LAB baseline updating





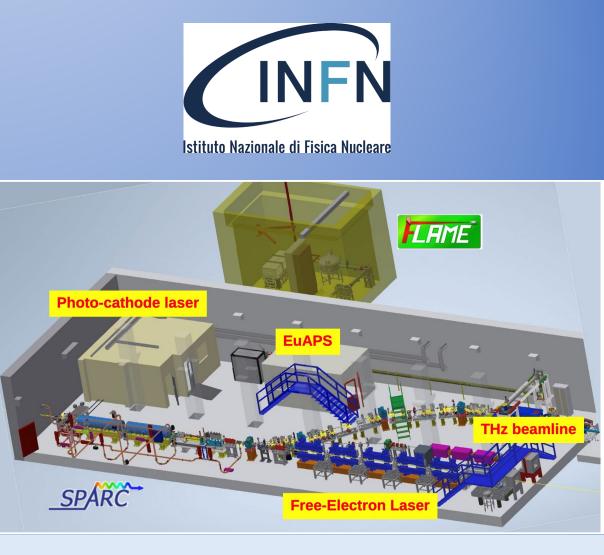


### n. 20 POST-DOCTORAL SENIOR LEVEL 3 RESEARCH GRANT IN EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICS at INFN



https://jobs.dsi.infn.it/dettagli\_job.php?id=4180

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# LPAW 2025 – Ischia Island



The Laser and Plasma Accelerators Workshop 2025 (LPAW 2025) will be held at Hotel Continental Ischia, in the Ischia Island (Campania, Italy), from Monday 14 to Friday 18 April 2025.

The Laser and Plasma Accelerators Workshop (LPAW) series is one of the leading workshops in the field of plasma-based acceleration and radiation generation.

The following scientific topics will be the main focus of the conference:

•Plasma-based lepton acceleration (experiments, simulations, theory, diagnostics...).

•Plasma-based ion acceleration (experiments, simulations, theory, diagnostics...).

•Secondary radiation generation and applications (experiments, simulations, theory, diagnostics...).

#### John Dawson Thesis Prize

"John Dawson Thesis Prize" is awarded on a biannual basis to the best PhD thesis in the area of plasma accelerators driven by laser or particle beams. The prize will be awarded for fundamental (theoretical or experimental) or applied aspects. Each prize winner will receive a certificate of merit, up to 500 Euros, and financial support to attend the "Laser and Plasma Accelerators Workshop," where the prize will be awarded.

https://agenda.infn.it/event/42311/

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