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RF Components – WP9

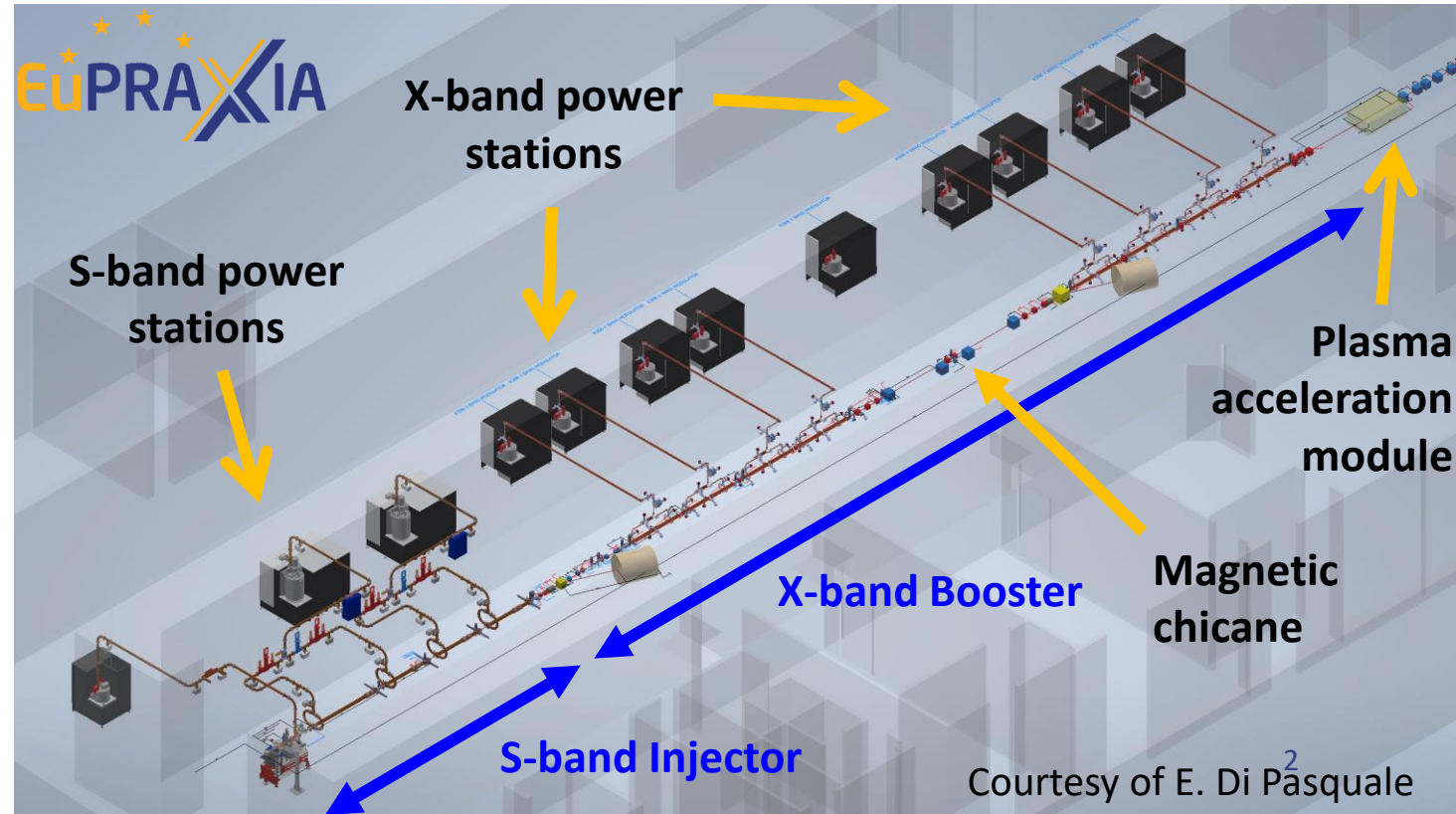
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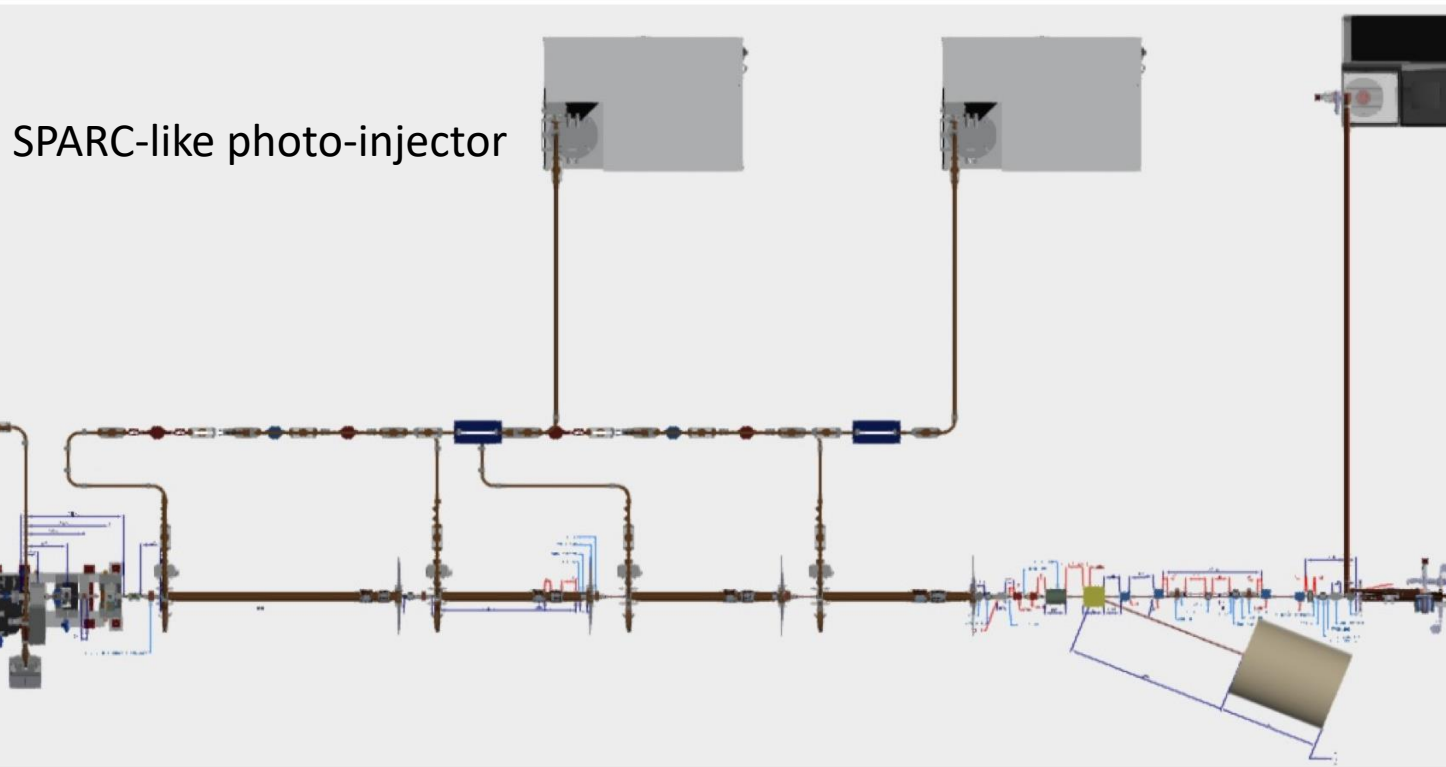
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- » High brightness 2-bunches electron beam at **500 MeV**, at **100 Hz** repetition rate to drive a PWFA, accelerating the witness up to **1 GeV**
 - » The **1 GeV witness** beam will be extracted and injected in **undulator modules** to produce **FEL radiation** in the **VUV – X ray** range
- » **S-band (2.856 GHz) injector** composed by a photocathode 1.6 cells SW RF Gun and 1x 3m TW S-band structure and 3x 2m TW S-band structures
- » **X-band (11.994 GHz) booster** composed by **16x TW, 0.9 m accelerating structures** with a nominal gradient of **60MV/m**



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At the EuPRAXIA@SPARC_LAB facility, the main challenge for the RF photo-injector comes from the request of producing ultra-short (witness beam ~ 7 fs rms), high brightness electron beams



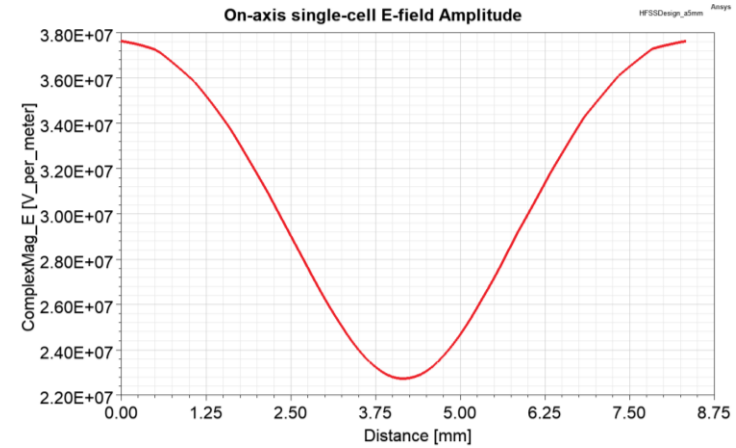
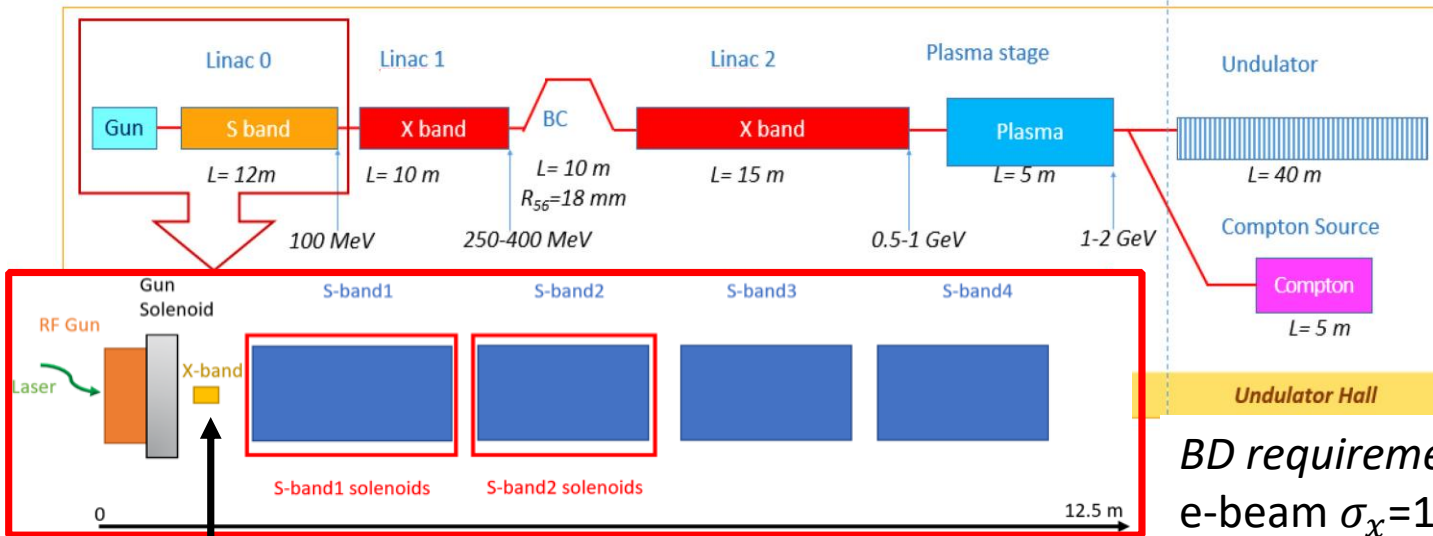
- 1.6 cell UCLA/BNL type SW RF gun, equipped with a copper photo cathode and an emittance compensation solenoid
- ~ 11 cm X-band linearizing cavity for jitter optimization in the two-bunch (*comb-like*) configuration
- four TW SLAC-type sections: 1x 3m and 3x 2m TW S-band structures
- two compensation solenoids surround the first two S-band cavities for the operation in the velocity bunching scheme (RF compression)

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- The choice of different length structures is based on the fact that the first S-band cavity is operated at 90 deg off crest for RF bunch over-compression; eventually the final driver and witness durations, and their temporal separation, are completed in the second S-band structure
 - A dedicated, optimized design of the RF structure is mandatory to take into account for the different filling times in the 3 m and 2 m long structures, in order to optimize the RF power distribution

Layout S band Structures (m)	WoP 1 (pC)	S1 accel grad (MV/m)	S2 accel grad (MV/m)	S3 accel grad (MV/m)	S4 accel grad (MV/m)	X band accel grad (MV/m)
3+2+2+2	30 - 200	21	21	30	35	-----
3+2+2+2	50 - 250	21	21	30	35	-----

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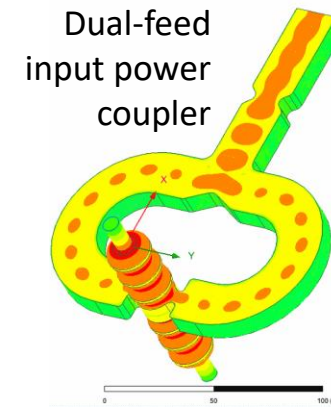
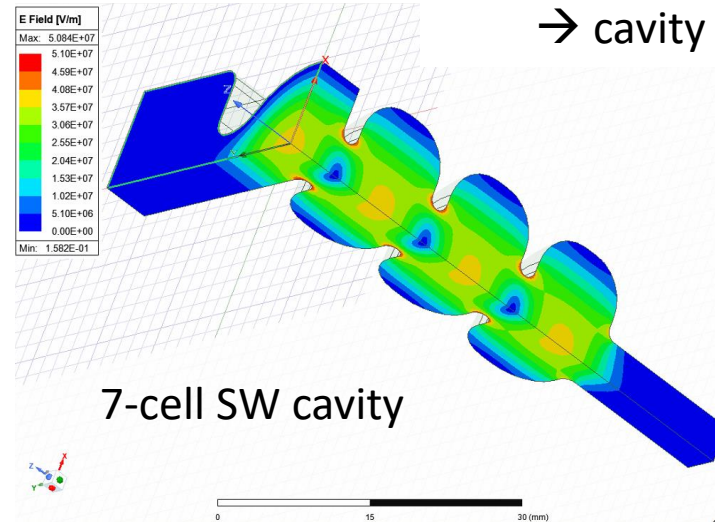


BD requirement
 e-beam $\sigma_x = 1.5-2$ mm
 → cavity iris radius $a=4$ mm

	a = 4 mm	TW	SW
f		11.9942 GHz	11.9942 GHz
Q		6600	8,600
Vg		3.6 %	-
r		85.3 MΩ/m	80 MΩ/m
Eacc		16.5 MV/m	16.3 MV/m
alpha		0.63 1/m	-
Lt		10 cm	10 cm
Coupling β		-	2
Fill time Tf		9.3 ns	-
Build up τ		-	76 ns*
Pin		3.2 MW	0.37 MW

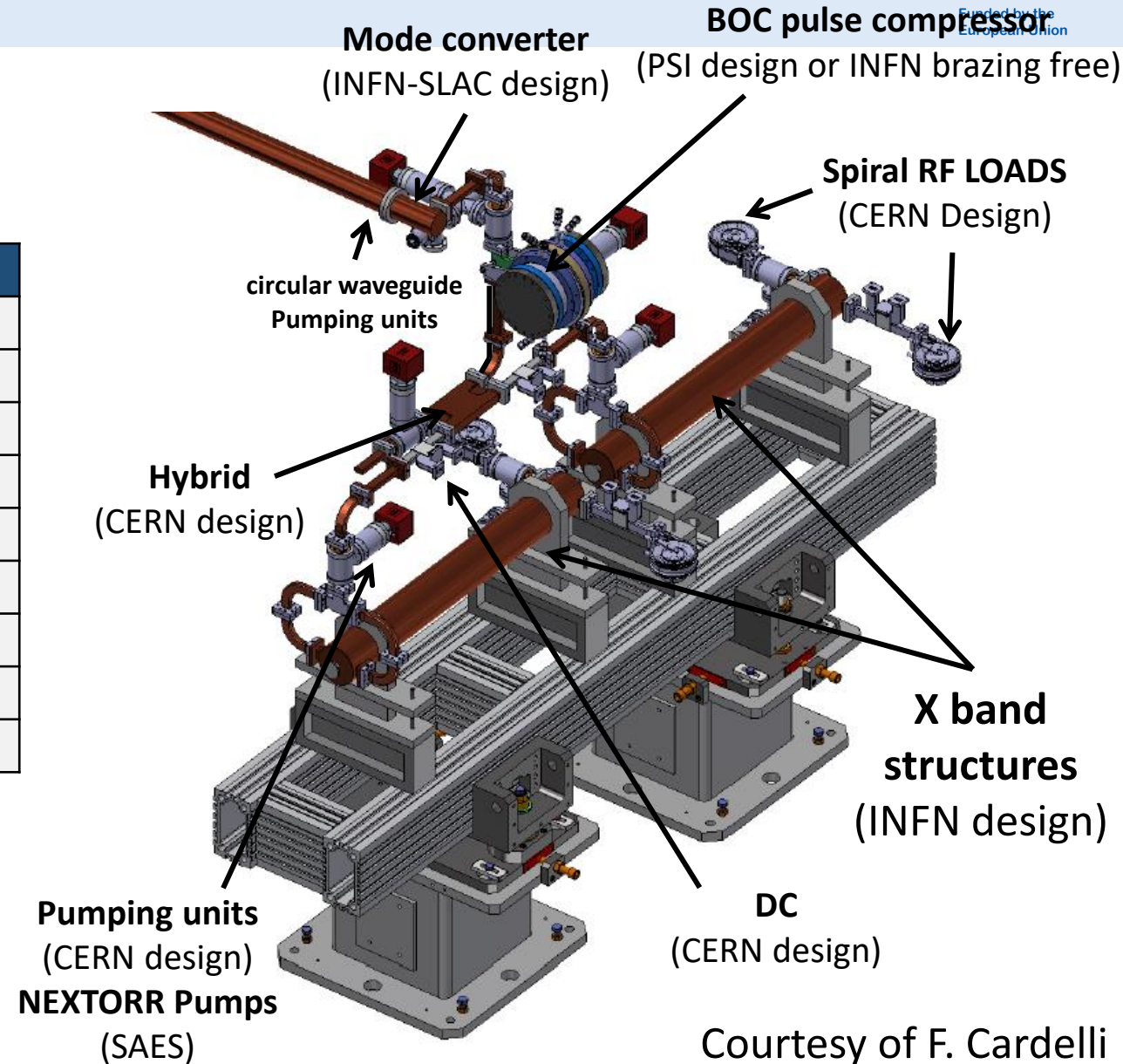
X-band

Resonant frequency	11.9942 GHz
E acc	20 MV/m
E peak	38 MV/m
Number of cells	7
Length	11 cm



PARAMETER	Value
Frequency [GHz]	11.9942
Average acc. gradient [MV/m]	60
Structures per module	2
Peak input power per structure [MW]	70
Input power averaged over the pulse [MW]	51
Filling time [ns]	130
Required Kly power per module [MW]	22.5
Kly RF pulse length [μs]	1.5
Repetition Rate [Hz]	100 (400)

- The RF Power Source: 25 MW Solid State Pulsed Modulator + Klystron

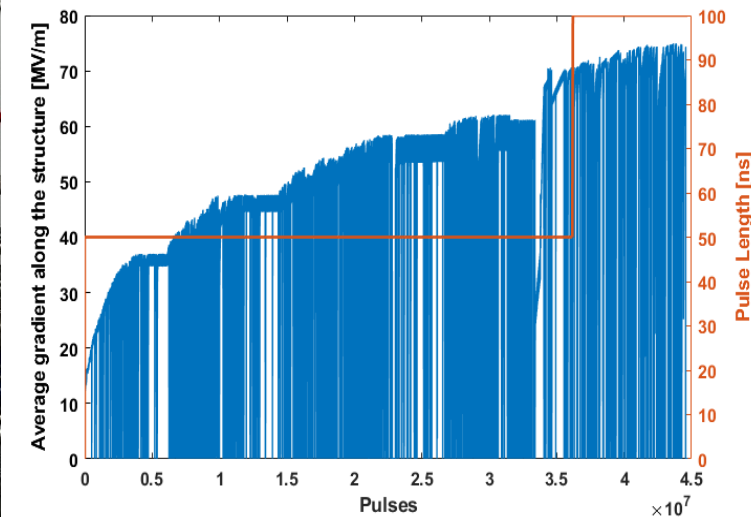
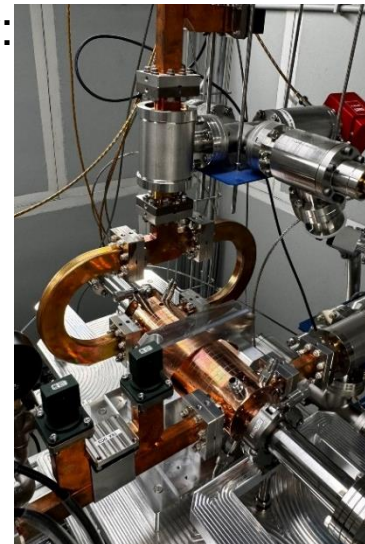


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An intensive prototyping activity is ongoing exploiting the new vacuum furnace at LNF.

- The **full-scale mechanical prototype** brazing test gives optimum results in term of straightness and vacuum
- The **20 cells CI RF prototype** has been realized
- Low power RF measurements showed that the cells are all the same but smaller by approx $\pm 2 \mu\text{m}$
- The **20 cell-structure was brazed and tested at high power:**

PARAMETER	Value
Frequency [GHz]	11.9942
Average acc. gradient [MV/m]	74
Peak input power [MW]	35
Pulse length [ns]	100
Repetition Rate [Hz]	50
Breadown rate probability	1e-5



- A **full-scale 0.9m RF prototype** is in production.

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