

# LISA – Preventivi 2024

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*(on behalf of Rita Dolesi and the LISA team)*



- Fundamental questions in Gravity: Fundamental interactions, Dark matter, dark energy
  - New/further tests of GR
  - Exploration of possible alternative theories of Gravity
- Fundamental questions in particle physics Inflation, additional interactions, dark matter
- Probing the EOS of neutron stars Nuclear physics, quark-gluon plasma
- Cosmology and Cosmography with GWs Cosmology
- Accurate Modelling of GW waveforms
- GW models in alternative theory of gravitation Cosmology
- What is the explosion mechanism in Supernovae? Nuclear physics
- What is the history of SuperMassive black holes? Cosmology
- GW Stochastic Background? Probing the big bang?
- Multimessenger Astronomy in 3G? Astroparticle, GRB, Neutrino Physics

*Credit: M. Punturo 2020*

# LISA science objectives

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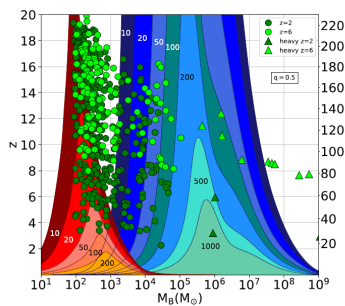
## Science Objectives

- Study the formation and evolution of **compact binary stars** and the structure of the Milky Way Galaxy
- Trace the origins, growth and merger histories of **massive Black Holes** across cosmic epochs
- Probe the properties and immediate environments of Black Holes in the local Universe using **extreme mass-ratio inspirals** and **intermediate mass-ratio inspirals**
- Understand the astrophysics of **stellar-mass Black Holes**
- Explore the **fundamental nature of gravity** and Black Holes
- Probe the rate of **expansion of the Universe** with standard sirens
- Understand **stochastic gravitational wave backgrounds** and their implications for the early Universe and TeV-scale particle physics
- Search for gravitational wave bursts and **unforeseen sources**



## Some of the uniqueness of LISA

Black Holes in the Gravitational Universe

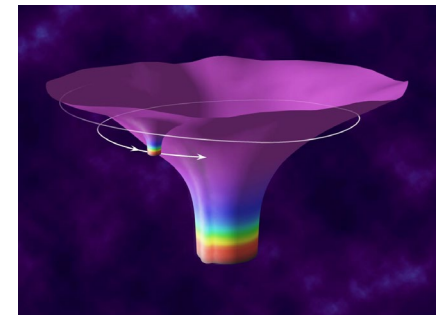


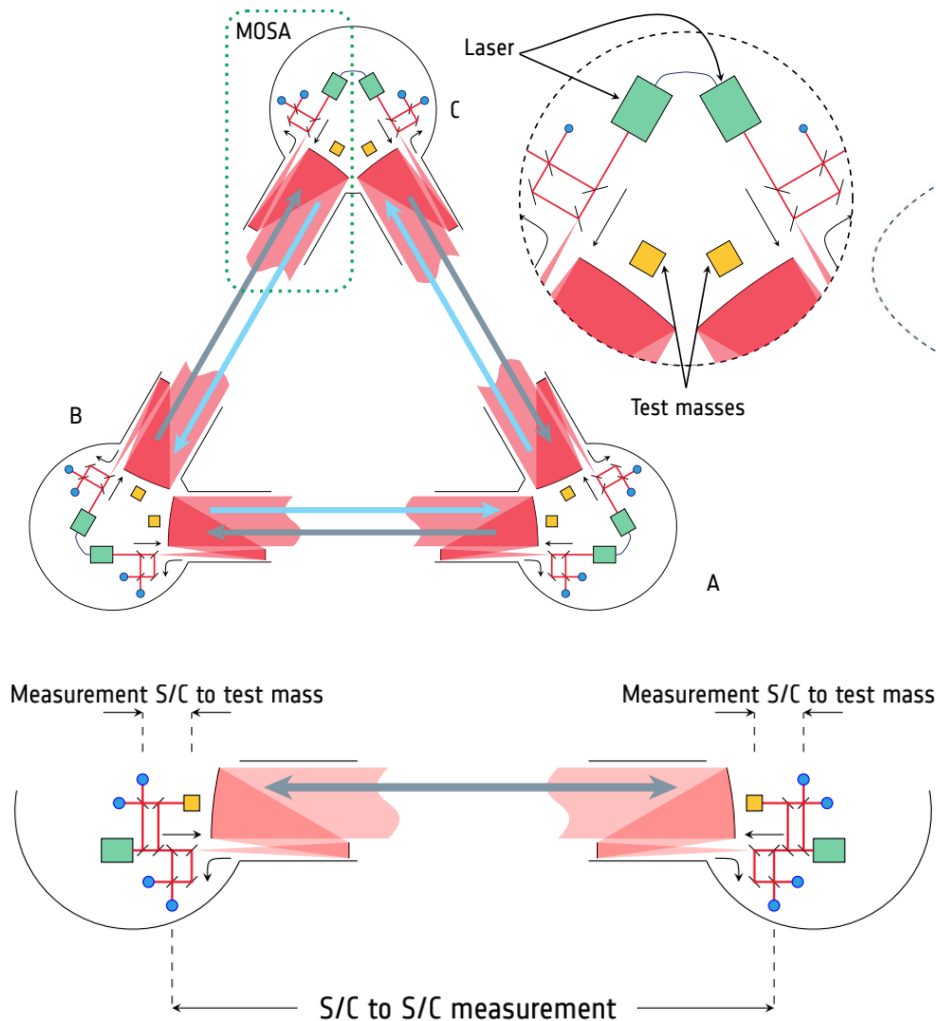
**Supermassive Black Holes binaries**  
 with high signal to noise

**Extreme Mass Ratio Inspirals**

Inspiral of stellar-mass compact object into massive black hole.  
 If the compact object is a white dwarf, possible electromagnetic counterpart

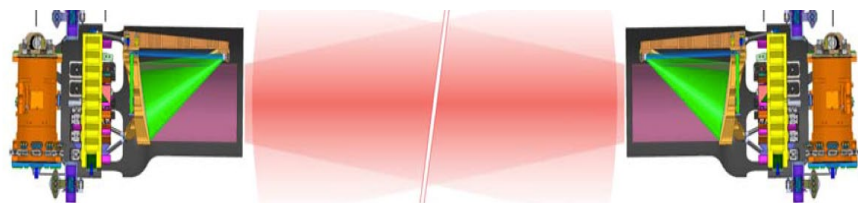
**Test** the properties of the space time around massive dark objects. the presence of dark matter which causes a different phase evolution.





| Measurement                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Gravitational waves (GWs) in the Frequency Band of 0.1 mHz - 1.0 Hz with a GW Strain Spectral Density: $10^{-21}$ – $10^{-23}$ |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Payload                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Lasers                                                                                                                         | 2 per spacecraft • 2 W output power • wavelength 1064 nm • frequency stability 300 Hz/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$                                                                                      |
| Optical Bench                                                                                                                  | 2 per spacecraft • double-sided use • high thermal stability (Zerodur)                                                                                                                         |
| Interferometry                                                                                                                 | heterodyne interferometry • 15 pm/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ precision • Inter-spacecraft ranging to $\sim 1$ m                                                                                       |
| Telescope                                                                                                                      | 2 per spacecraft • 30 cm off-axis telescope • high thermal stability                                                                                                                           |
| Gravitational Reference System                                                                                                 | 2 per spacecraft • acceleration noise $< 3 \text{ fm}/(\text{s}^2 \sqrt{\text{Hz}})$ • 46 mm cubic AuPt test mass • Faraday cage housing • electrostatic actuation in 5 degree of freedom      |
| Mission                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Duration                                                                                                                       | 4.5 years science orbit • $> 82\%$ duty cycle • $\sim 6.25$ years including transfer and commissioning                                                                                         |
| Constellation                                                                                                                  | Three drag-free satellites forming an equilateral triangle • $2.5 \times 10^6$ km separation • trailing/leading Earth by $\sim 20^\circ$ • inclined by $60^\circ$ with respect to the ecliptic |
| Orbits                                                                                                                         | Heliocentric orbits • semimajor axis $\sim 1$ AU • eccentricity $e \approx 0.0096$ • inclination $i \approx 0.96^\circ$                                                                        |



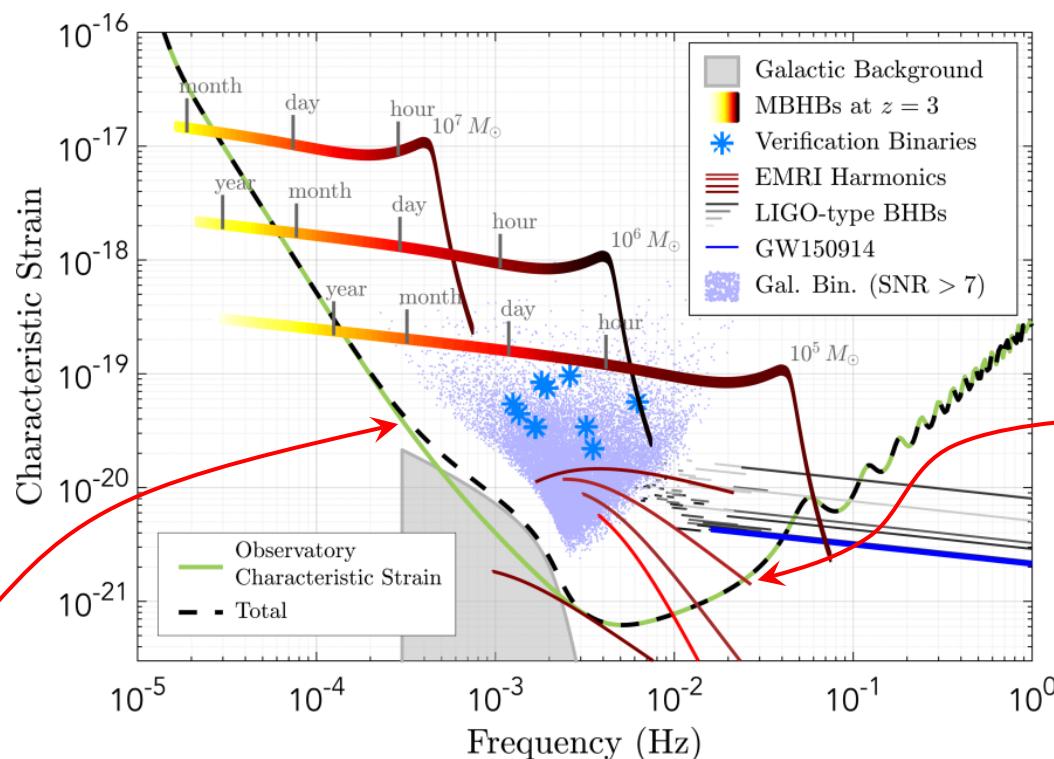


2.5 Million km

Measure acceleration between free-falling test masses (TM) 2.5 million km apart

- 3 parts: TM-SC, SC-SC, SC-TM

Spacecraft controlled to follow TM:  
**drag-free control ( $\text{nm}/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$  level)**



**TM acceleration noise,**  
 $3 \text{ fm}/\text{s}^2/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$

(Low freq limit -  
crucial for SMBH)

Interferometer  
readout noise,  
 $15 \text{ pm}/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$   
(High freq limit)

# LISA is an adopted mission (Jan-24)

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On the trail of the:

- LPF success,
  - GW observations on-ground and
  - intense preparatory work since 2017 and recognizing:
  - a robust scientific case and
  - the technical feasibility (TRL > 5)
- the LISA *study* becomes a project and starts its implementation.**



Si tratta del più importante osservatorio spaziale per le onde gravitazionali e di una sonda che studierà i tanti misteri ancora nascosti del pianeta Venere. I due progetti vedono una forte partecipazione italiana con l'Agenzia Spaziale Italiana, l'Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare e l'Università di Trento

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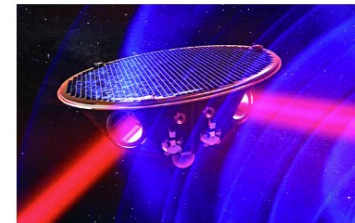


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## Comunicati stampa

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### SEMAFORO VERDE DALL'AGENZIA SPAZIALE EUROPEA ALLE MISSIONI LISA E ENVISION



Il Comitato del Programma Scientifico (SPC) dell'Agenzia Spaziale Europea (ESA) ha adottato oggi le missioni LISA e EnVision. Essere adottati significa che la fase di studio è completata e l'ESA si impegna ora ad attuare le missioni. Si tratta del più importante osservatorio spaziale per le onde gravitazionali e di una sonda che studierà i tanti misteri ancora nascosti del pianeta Venere. I due progetti vedono una forte partecipazione italiana con l'Agenzia Spaziale Italiana, l'Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare e l'Università di Trento. LISA verrà lanciata a metà degli anni '30 mentre la partenza verso Venere di EnVision è al momento prevista per il 2031.

MISSIONE LISA

SCIENCE & EXPLORATION

## LISA mission moves to final design phase

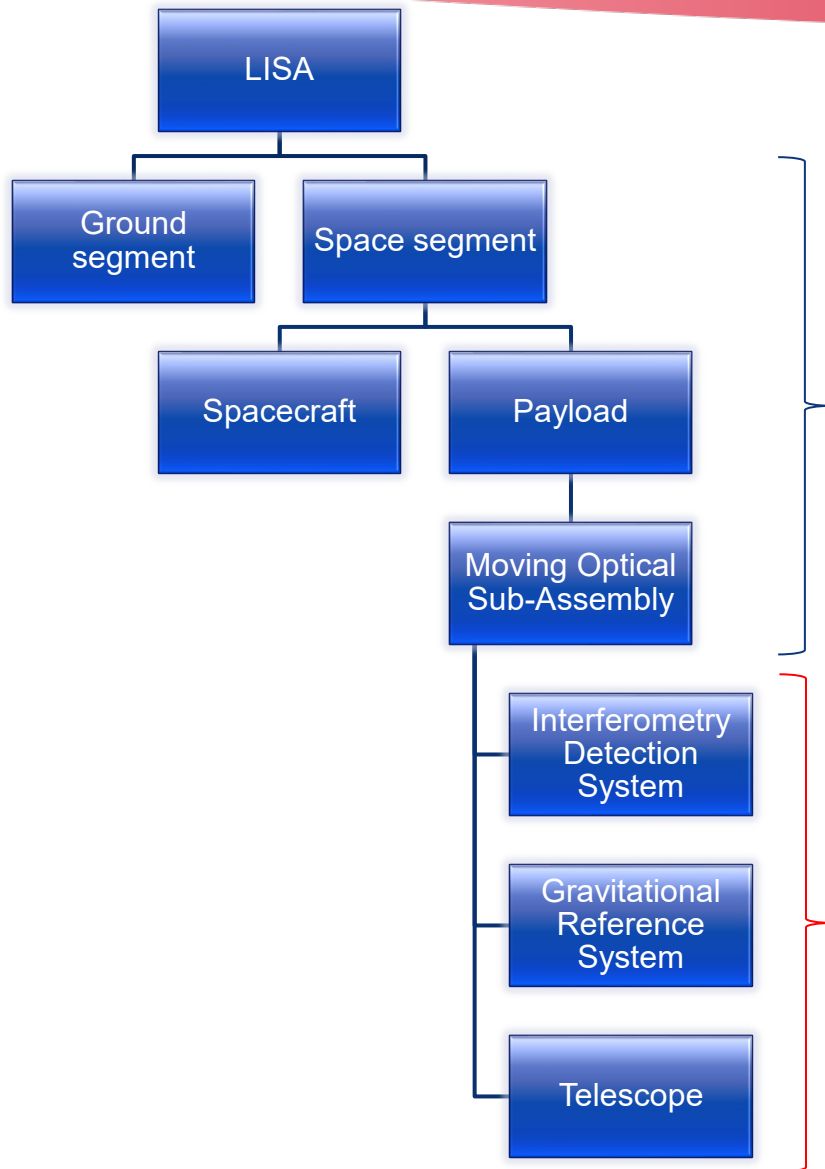
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ESA's Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (LISA) passed an important review that marks the mission as feasible for final technology development and design before adoption.

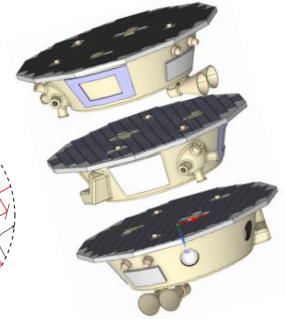
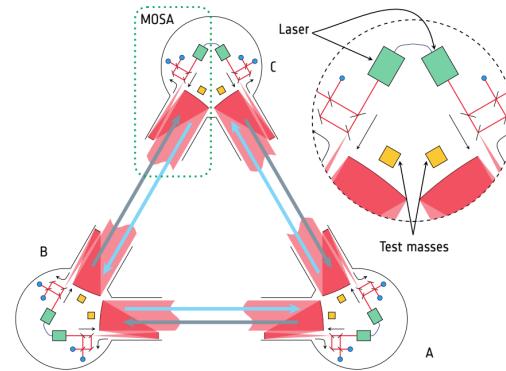
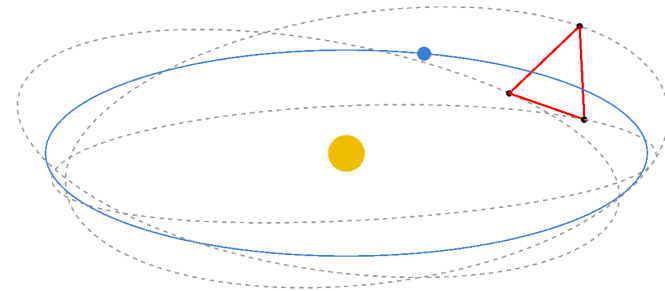
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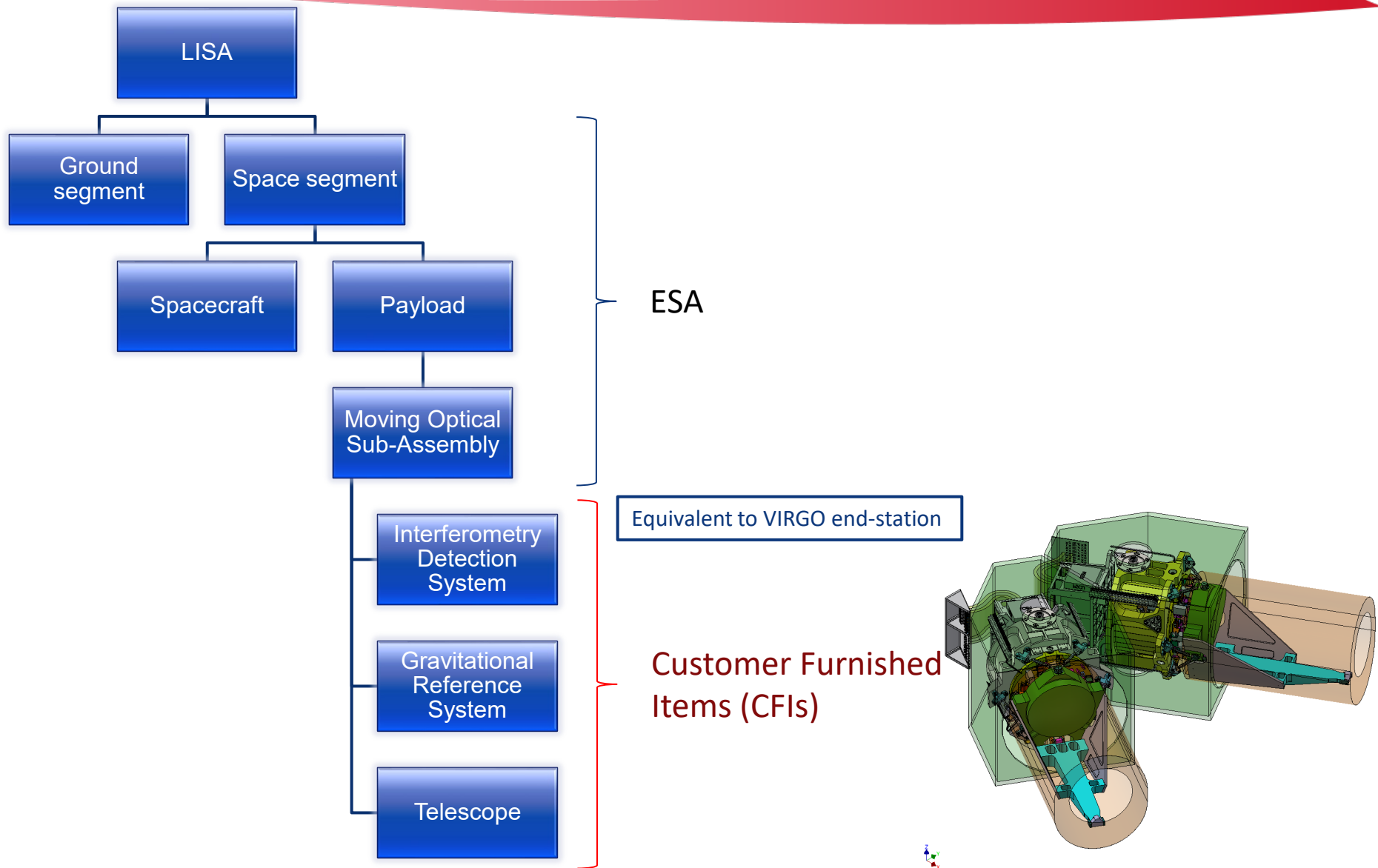
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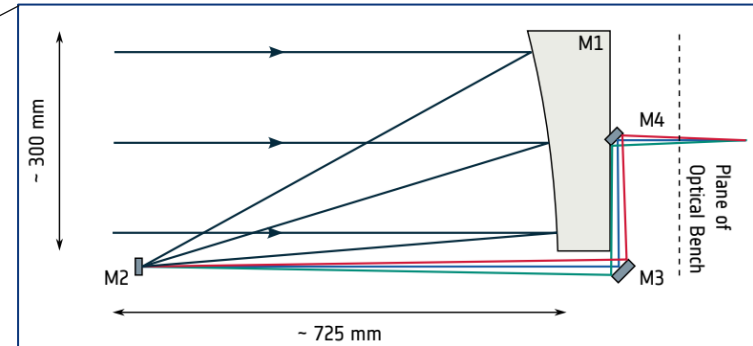
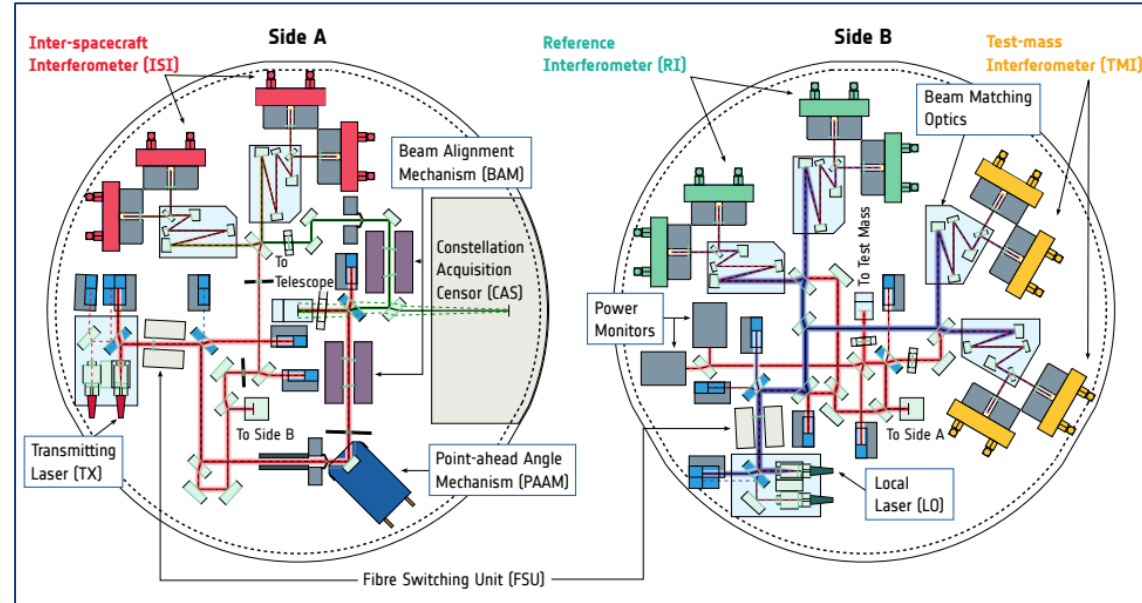
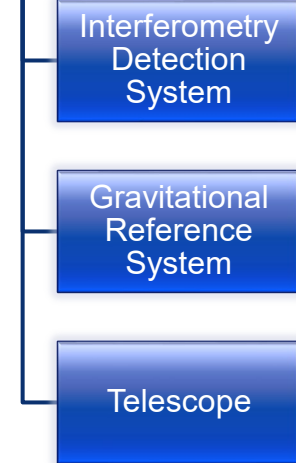
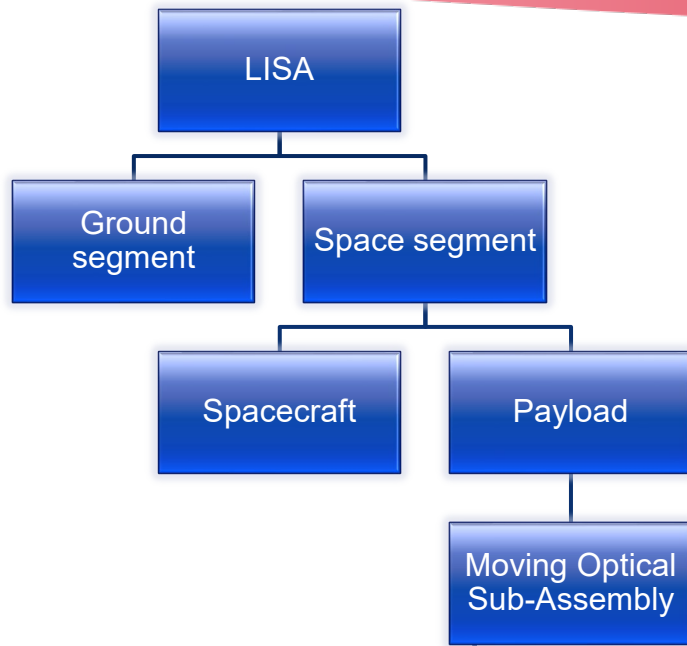
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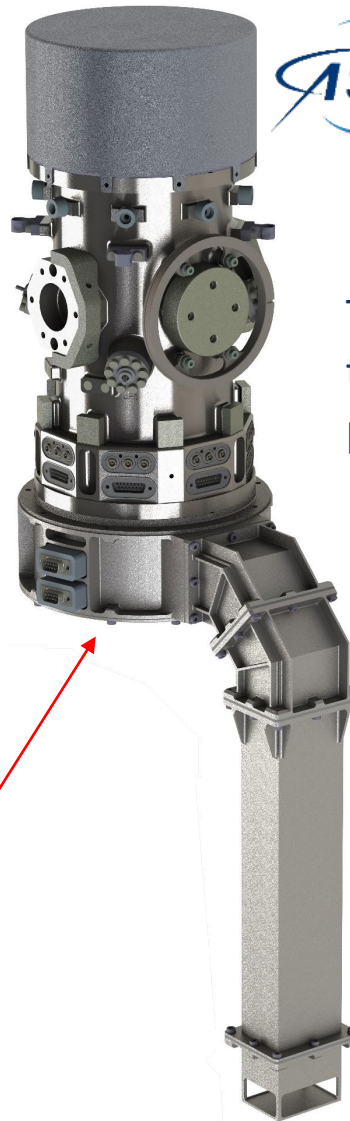
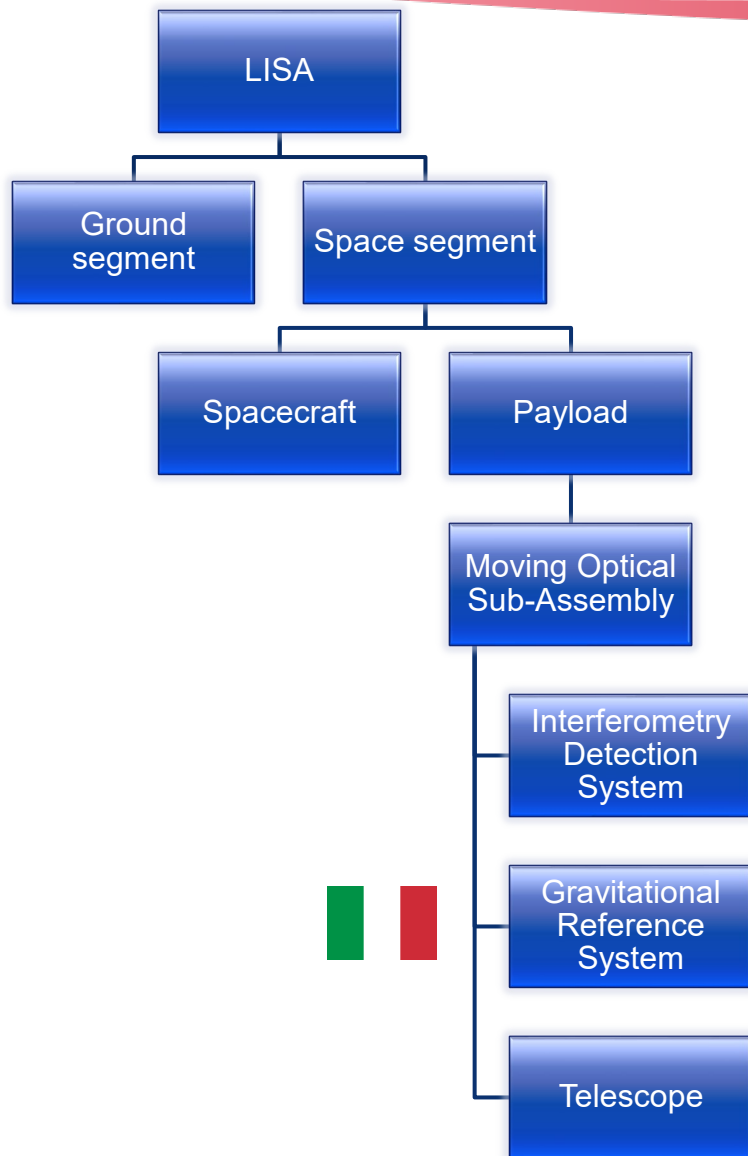
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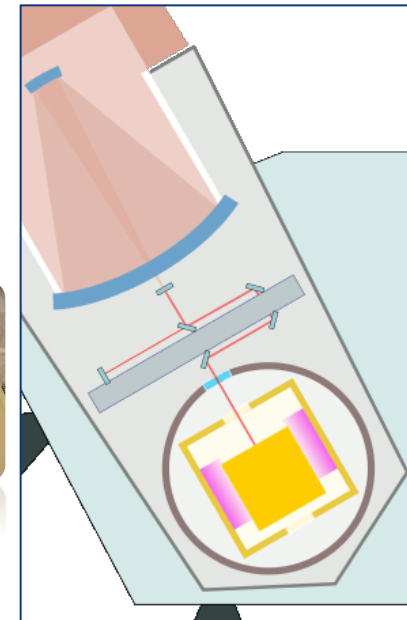
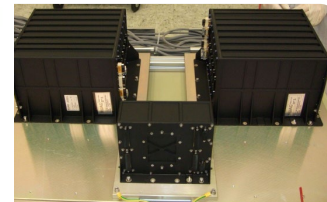


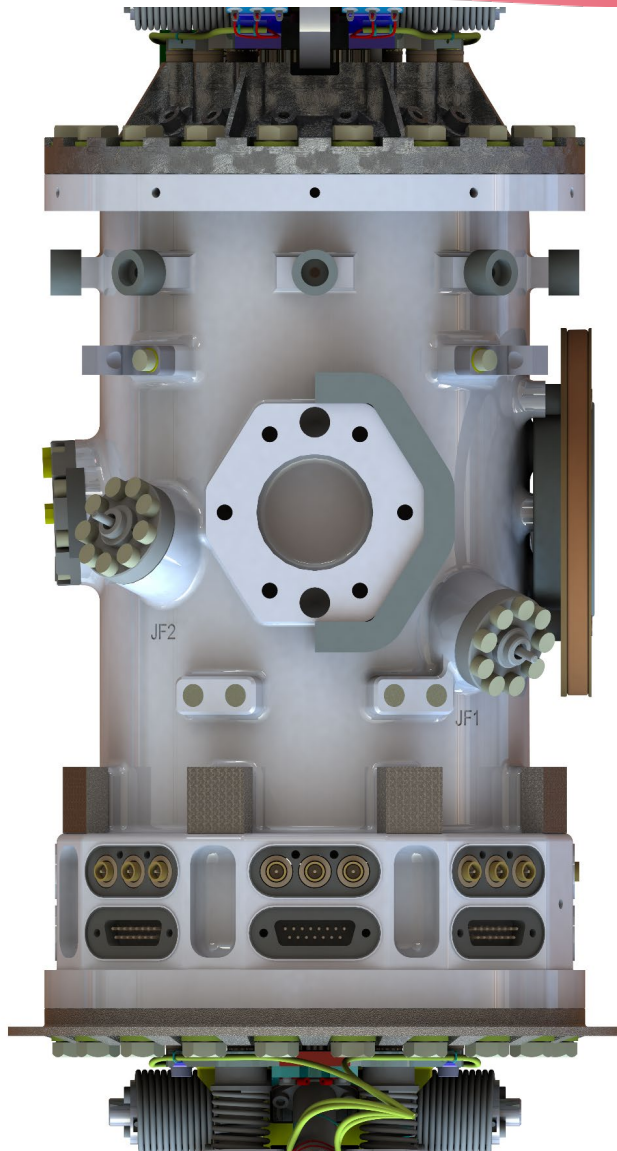
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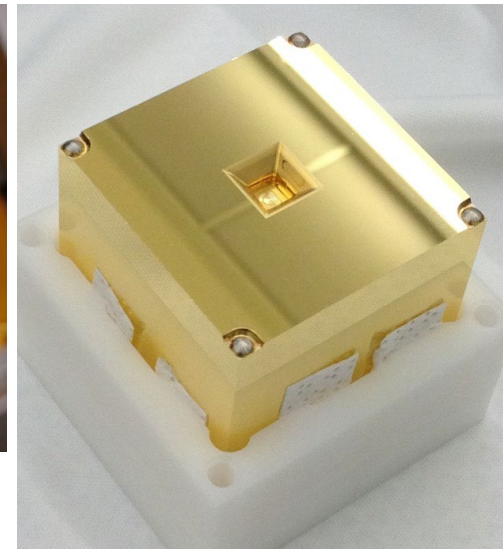
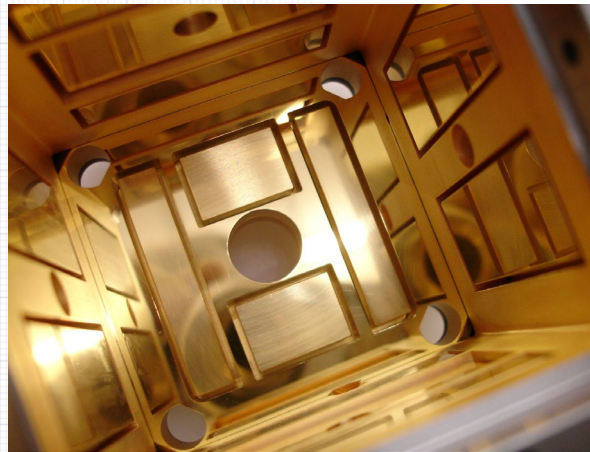




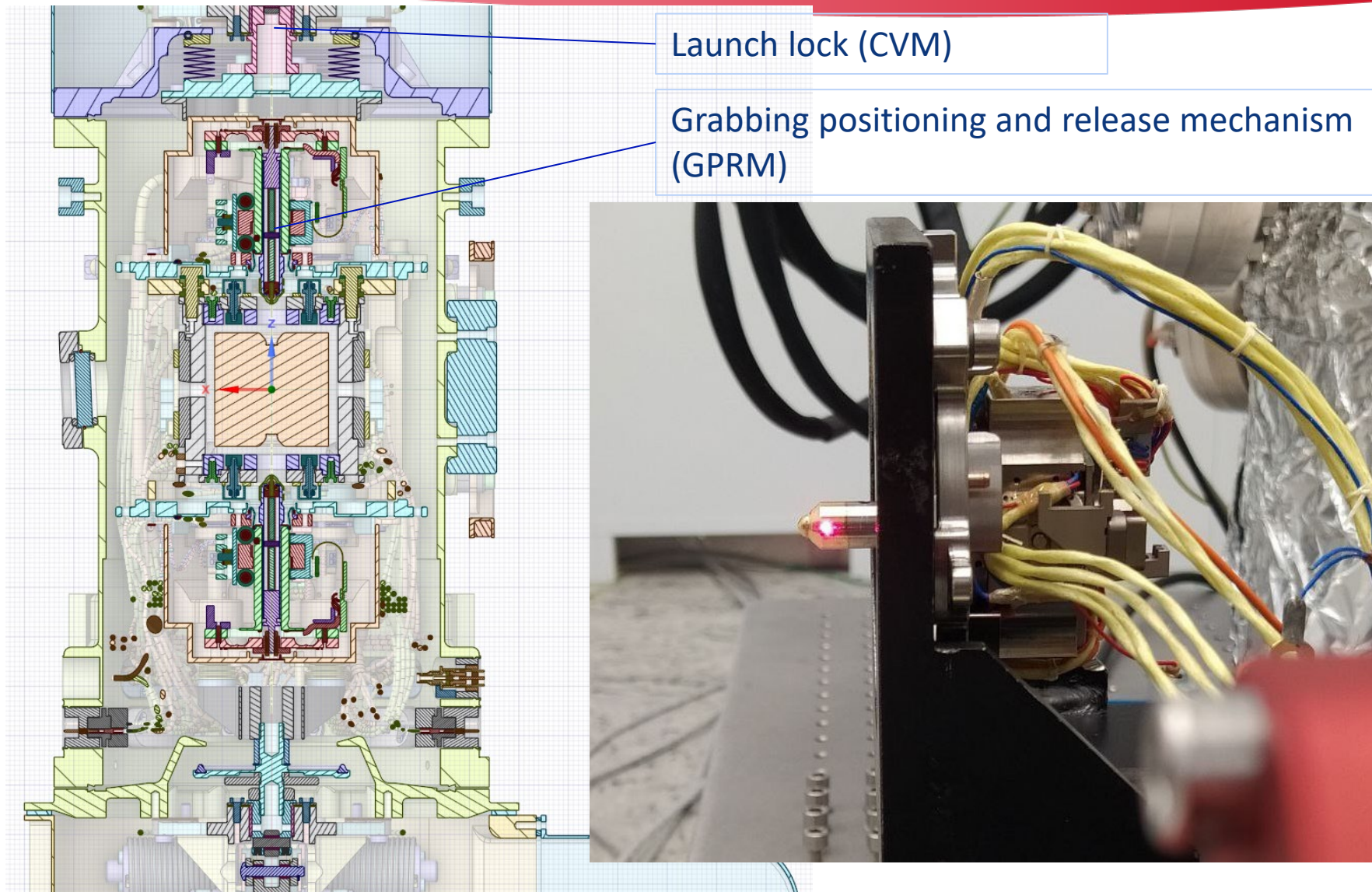
Design and testing done for LPF,  
with support from **INFN**. 

Electrode Housing (EH)  
*Mb electrodes coated in Au*

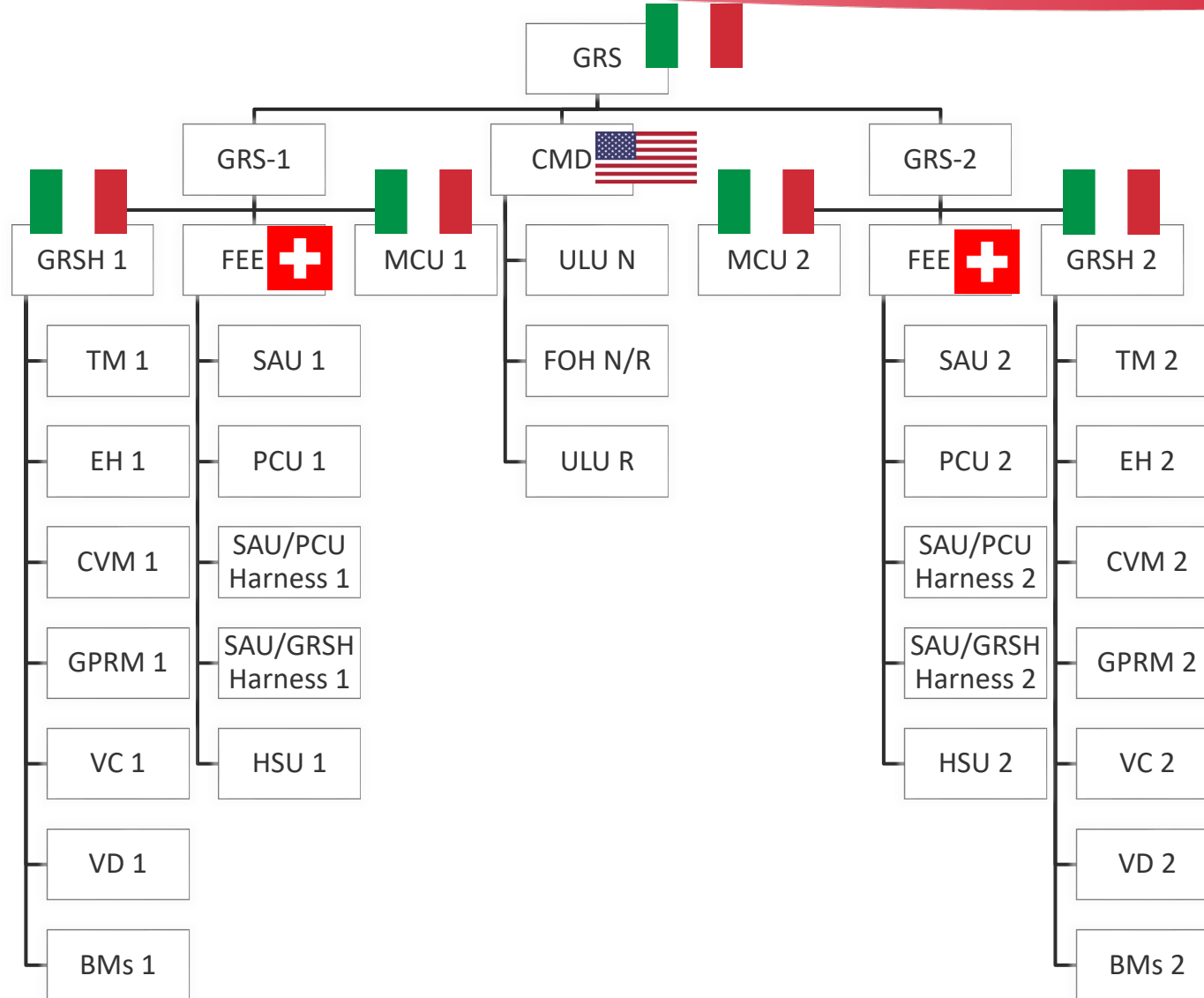
Test Mass (TM)  
*1.96 kg in Au-Pt*





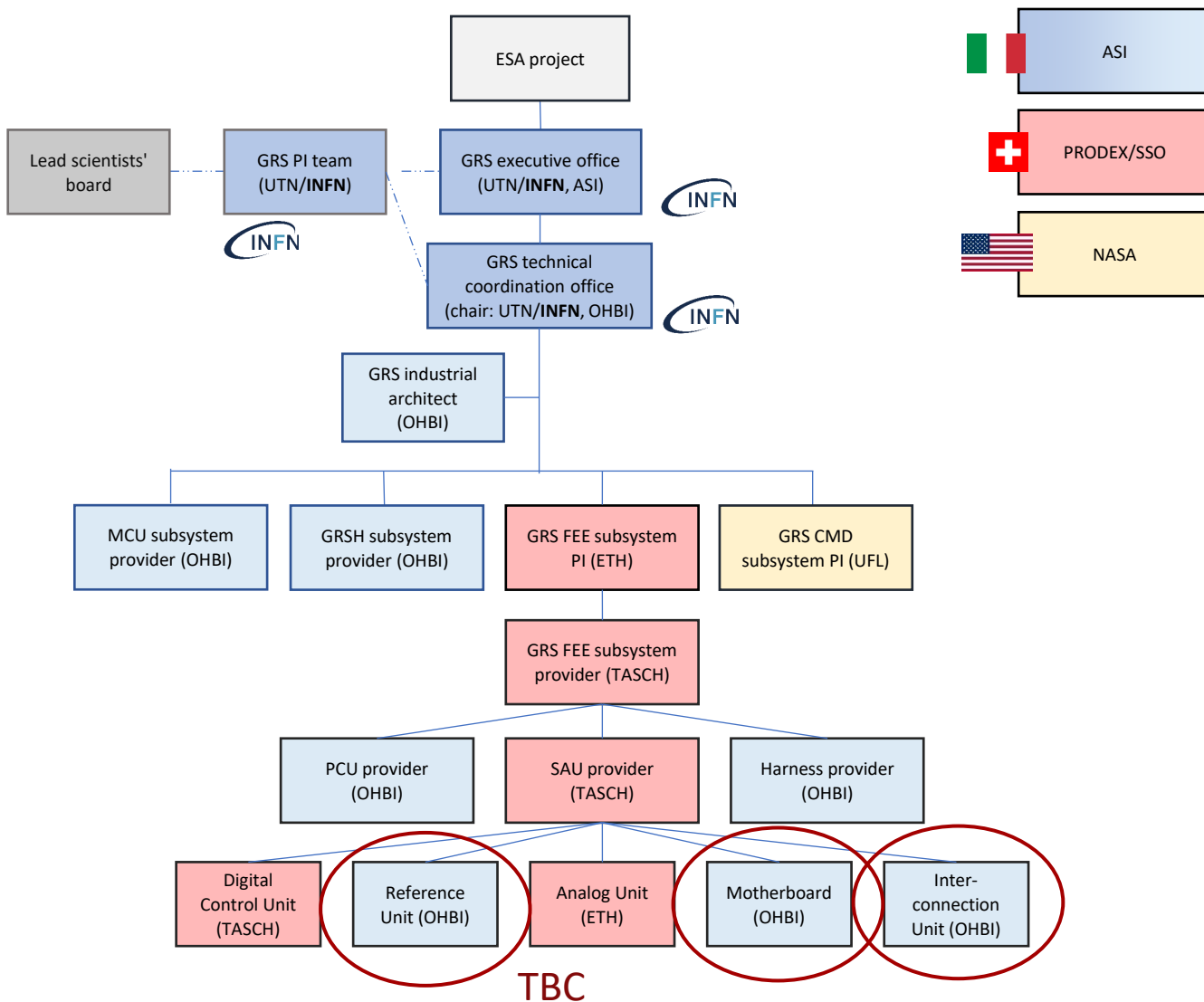






# GRS Procurement and Management Scheme

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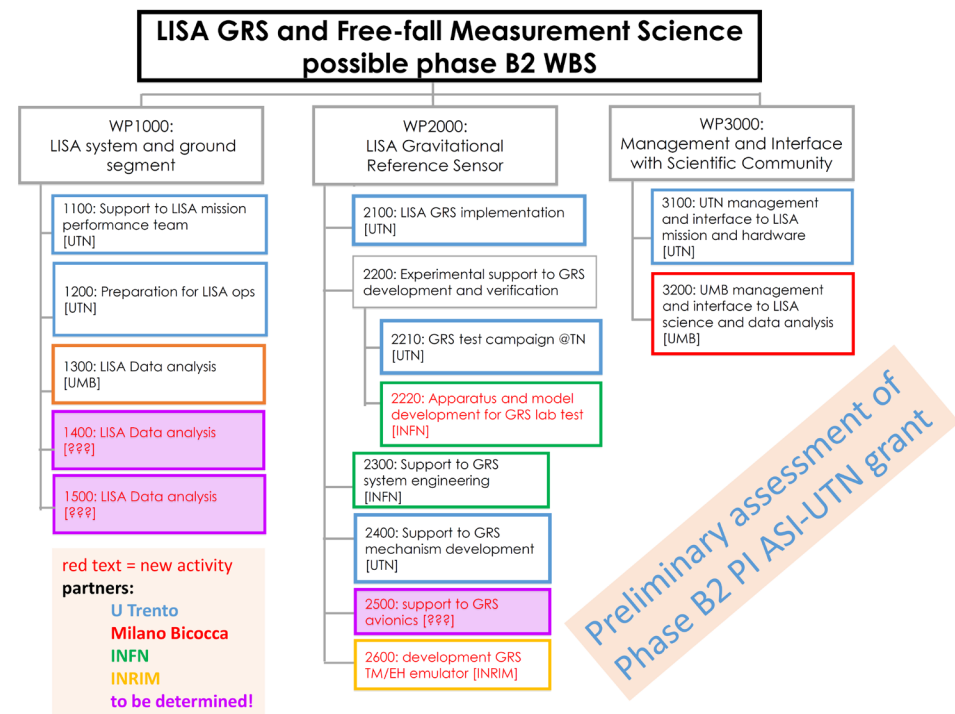
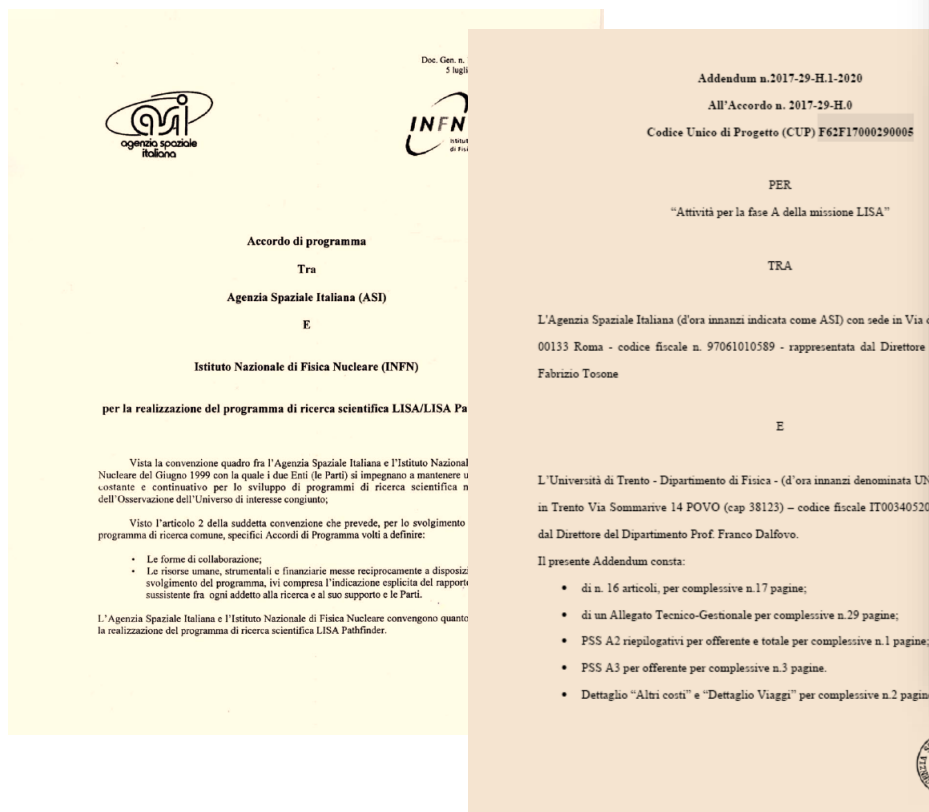
- Al progetto di un osservatorio di onde gravitazionali dallo spazio, **INFN** ha partecipato con grande lungimiranza fin dalla proposta iniziale di **LISA Pathfinder**.
- Ha sostenuto i gruppi scientifici nella fase di **definizione e prototipazione del sensore inerziale** con masse in caduta libera indispensabile alla rivelazione delle onde gravitazionali, e **nello sviluppo dell'innovativa strumentazione di verifica a terra**.
- I test con pendoli di torsione supportati dalla CSN2 sono l'unica occasione per la verifica a terra di performance di caduta libera
- Tali contributi sono stati **cruciali** per il **successo della missione LISA Pathfinder e lo saranno per LISA, confermando e estendendo allo spazio il ruolo INFN** come istituto di ricerca di riferimento per la comunità scientifica italiana impegnata nella realizzazione di osservatori di onde gravitazionali.
- Analoga partecipazione è stata rilanciata per **LISA**, in stretta sinergia con ASI, rafforzata da un importante supporto al **Systems Engineering**



## Accordo di programma INFN/ASI Per LISA Pathfinder

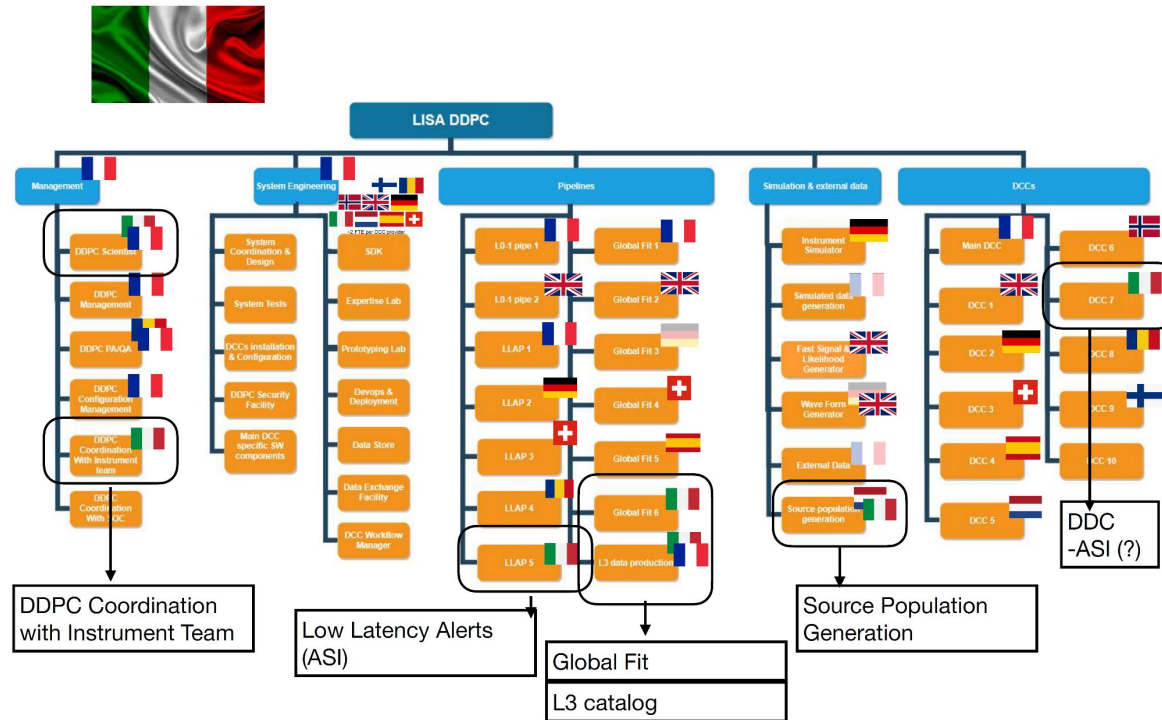
## Accordo ASI/UniTN/INFN/MiB Per LISA fase A/B1 (fino giugno luglio 2024)

## In progress: Rinnovo Accordo ASI/UniTN/INFN/MiB.... Per LISA fase B2



Estensione del coinvolgimento INFN in LISA

Tavolo negoziale 8 luglio 2024



Nel MLA, ASI supporta il DDPC con attività specifiche → necessità di stabilire un piano e delle risorse e come saranno distribuite tra ASI, università e istituti (INFN, INAF...).

Gruppi teorici italiani sono già coinvolti, e.g. Milano Bicocca nell'accordo ASI e PI di un PRIN.

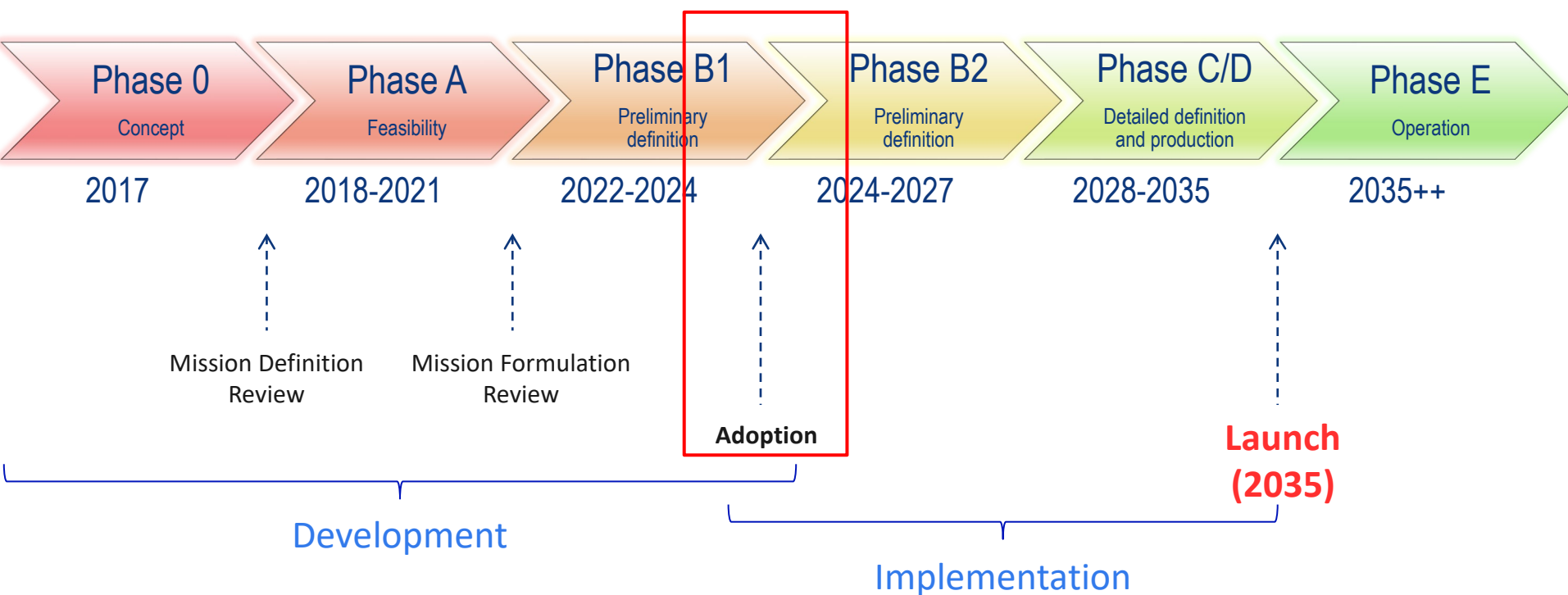
Kick off meeting del DDPC in giugno 2024



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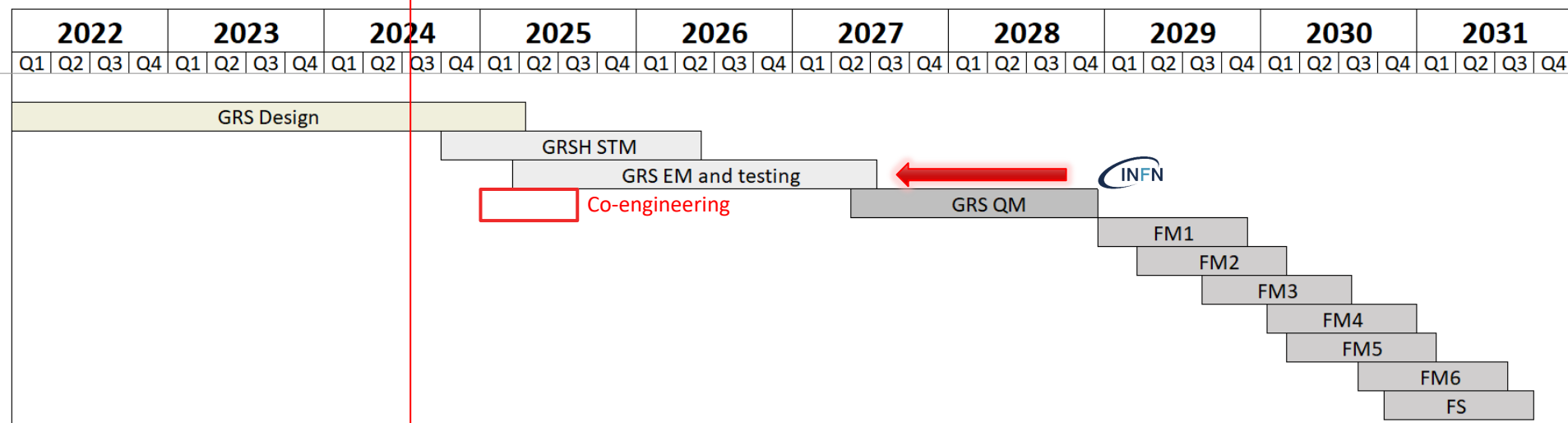
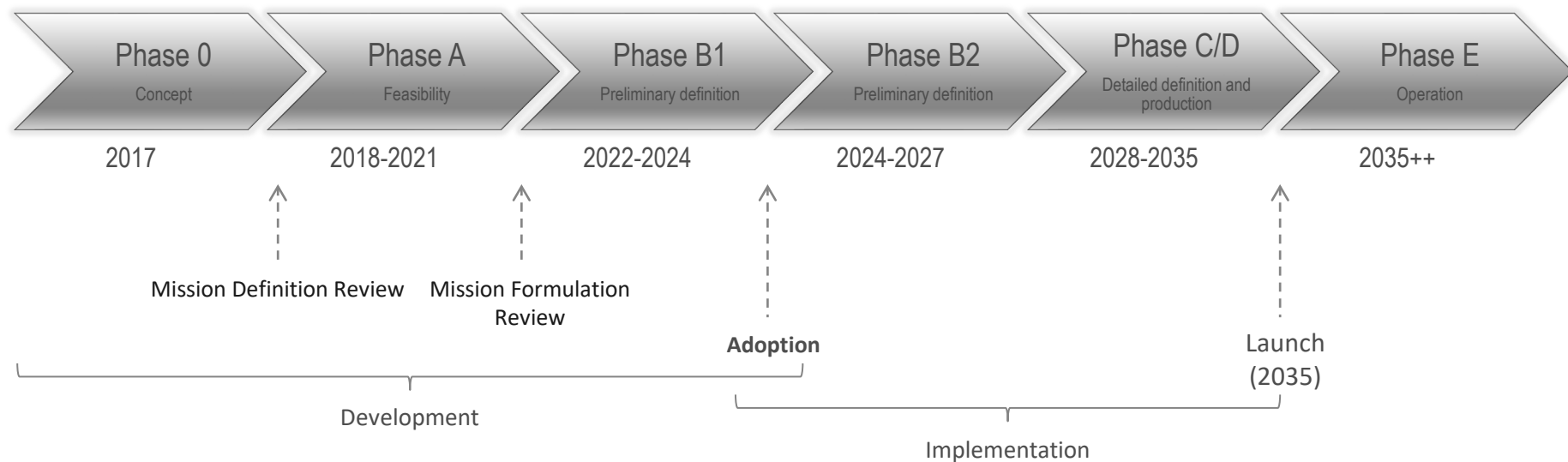
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Next year is dedicated to:

- Finalization and release of technical specifications (systems engineering)  
→ ITT for prime selection (ESA)
- Co-engineering with selected prime and ESA





## GRS EM Test Plan at the University of Trento/INFN TIFPA



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### Summary

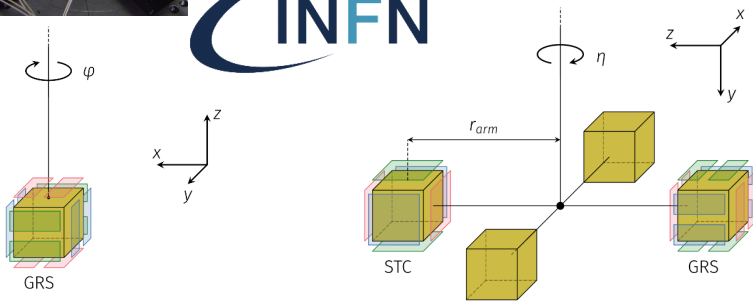
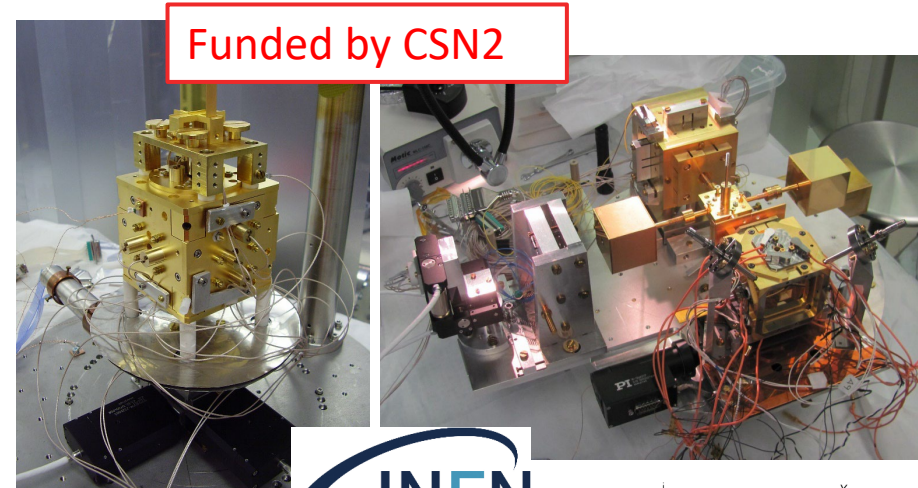
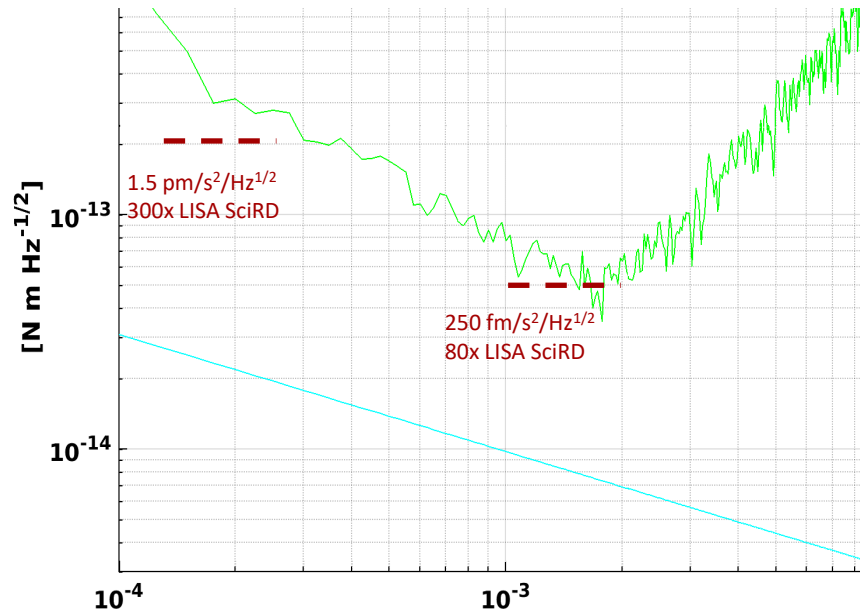
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- Preliminary description of the individual test campaigns
- List of requirements whose compliance is demonstrated or supported by these tests
- Description of facilities
- Test configuration

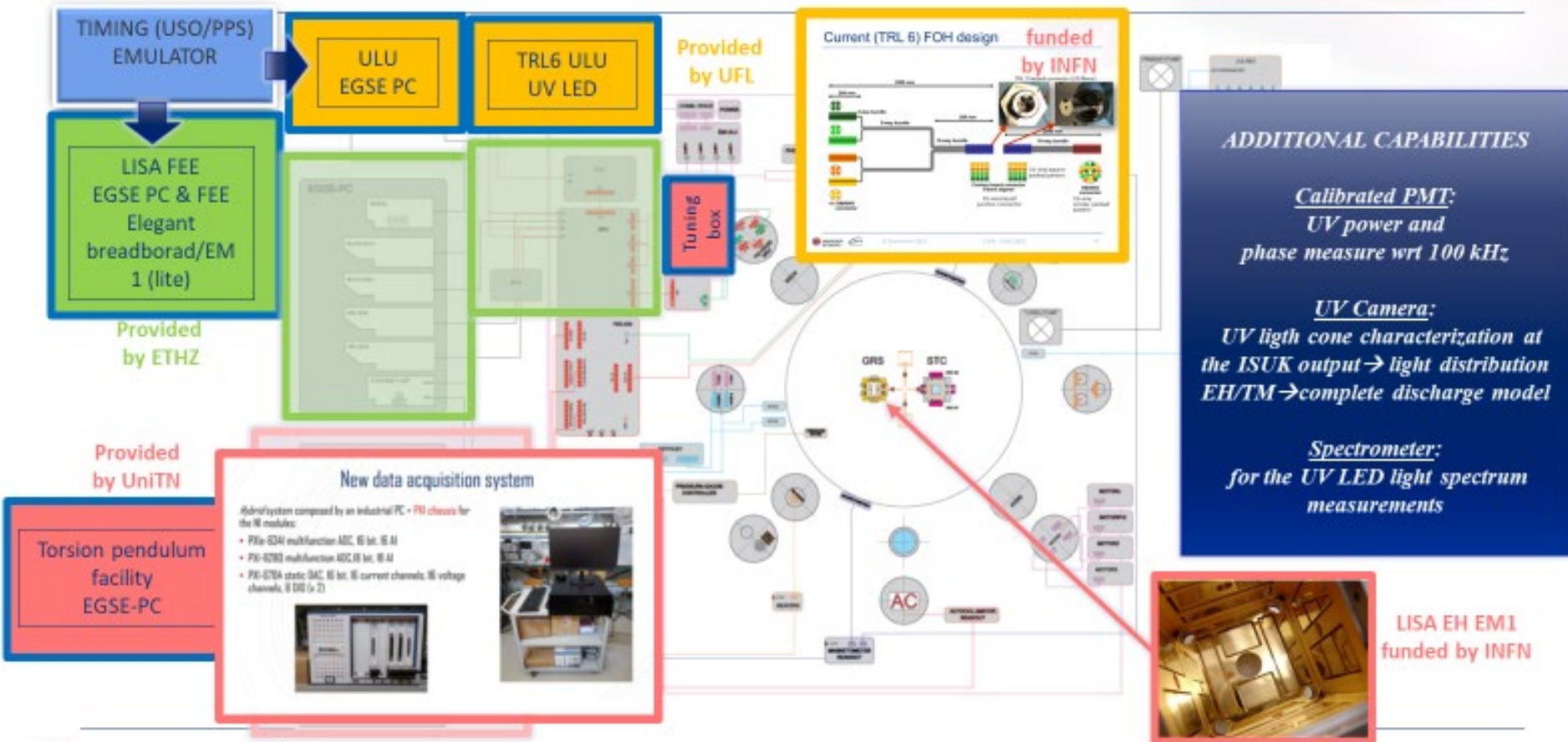
Torsion pendula can measure small forces and are the **only tools** to test the LISA **free-fall** on ground:

1. *1TM torsion pendulum*: more sensitive, but to torques only
2. *4TM torsion pendulum*: directly sensitive to forces as TM is mounted off-center ( $\sim 10$  cm arm)



|      | Force @ 2 mHz                   |
|------|---------------------------------|
| 1 TM | $7 \times 10^{-16}$ N in 1 hour |
| 4 TM | $10^{-15}$ N in 1 hour          |

## LISA 4TM pendulum facility schematic overview



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Nano-Newton electrostatic force actuators for femto-Newton-sensitive measurements: System performance test in the LISA Pathfinder mission

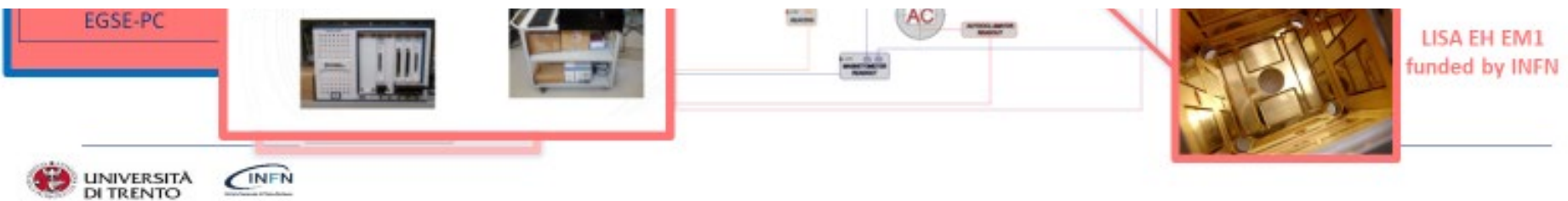
M Armano, H Audley, J Baird, M Bassan, P Binetruy, M Born, D Bortoluzzi, ...

Physical Review D 109 (10), 102009

In-depth analysis of LISA Pathfinder performance results: time evolution, noise projection, physical models, and implications for LISA

M Armano, H Audley, J Baird, P Binetruy, M Born, D Bortoluzzi, E Castelli, ...

arXiv preprint arXiv:2405.05207







Measure directly the charge on a TM, with a variety of discharge strategies.

Tests started in late 2023.

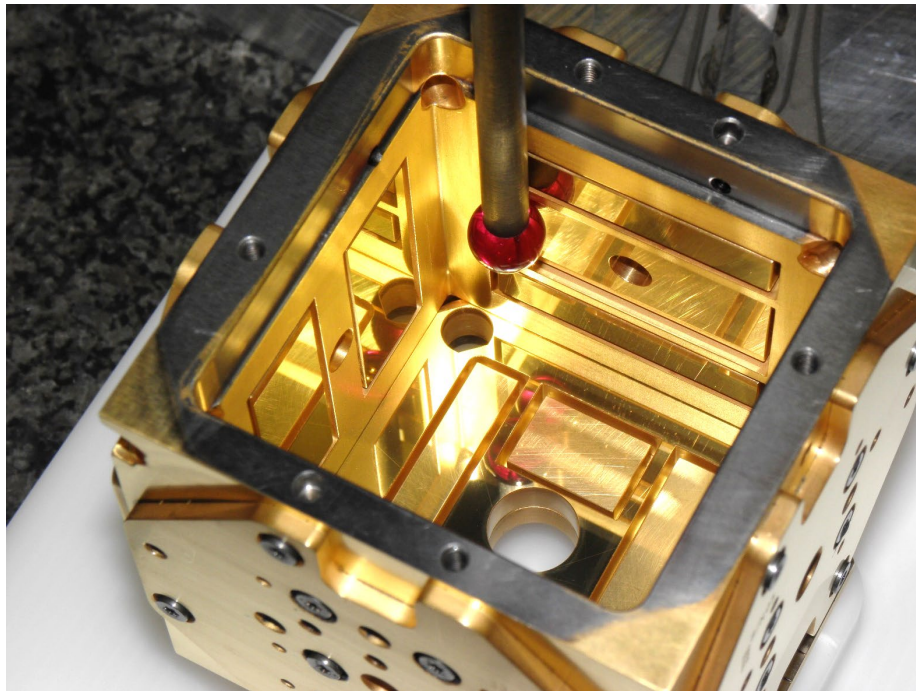
Similar (or same) apparatus to be used at **proton-therapy** for a representative charging experiment.



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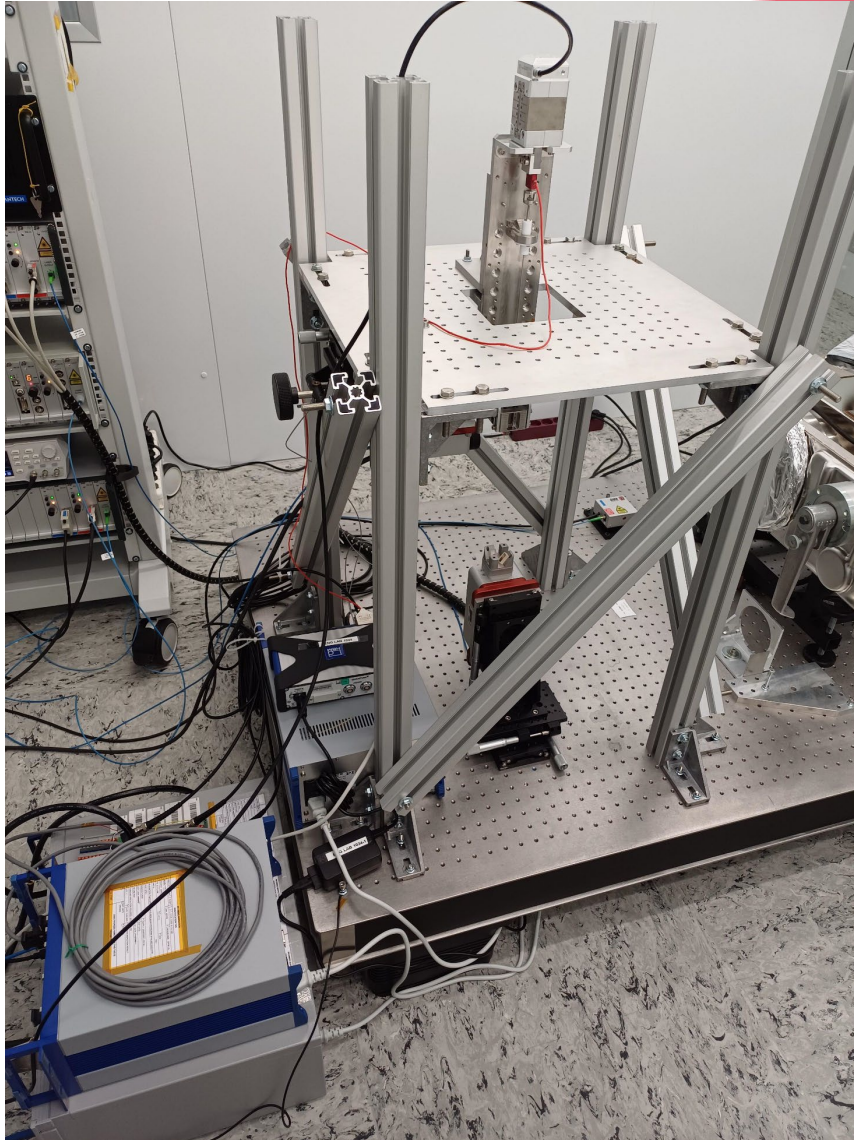
OGGETTO: ***Lettera di trasmissione del Contratto per la fornitura di modello EM (engineering model) dell'Electrode House per la missione spaziale LISA \_ CIG n. 9892677F4D.***

- Kick-off: 04 March 2024  
58k EUR of pre-payment
- 1<sup>st</sup> milestone: 08 May 2024  
58k EUR transfer

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|  | <b>MINUTA</b><br><i>MINUTE</i> | <b>Programma-Contratto / Program-Contract:</b><br>Fascicolo n. 2024_XI/2.2.640<br>“fornitura di modello EM (engineering model)<br>dell’Electrode Housing per la missione spaziale<br>LISA”<br>CIG n. 9892677F4D<br><br>RUP: Carlo Zanoni |
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Funded by CSN2

- Tests concluded in March 2024
- Basis for the definition of the new GPRM baseline (Apr-24)
- Interesting R&D outputs on friction between titanium and Teflon
- Getting ready for comprehensive GPRM EM tests towards the end of 2024

NEW:

- Caging Mechanism Modeling



- Missioni

- esaurita quota LISA su Dotazioni Gr 2, con luglio esauriti anche fondi LISA (chiederemo anche sblocco di 1K€ SJ)

- Acquisti:

- 64 k€ +35 k€ SJ da spendere
- Principalmente destinati a costruzione di masse di test rappresentative di quelle di volo per i pendoli di torsione; per contenere i costi siamo in attesa di definizione/accordi tra OHB e fornitori delle TM di volo.
- Stiamo elaborando piano B alternativo di spesa da proporre se necessario alla CSN2 di settembre.

- Richieste di missione per partecipazione a incontri CSN2/referee, congressi e workshop internazionali: 25k EUR
- Attività di laboratorio: aggiornamento delle facility con pendolo di torsione per aumentarne le performance e la rappresentatività: 30-60k EUR
- Richieste di strumenti software (già in uso con licenze INFN): ANSYS, MatLab, COMSOL, Solidworks

- 16 ricercatori/tecnologi, circa 13.5 FTE

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| Ciani       | Giacomo   |
| Chiavegato  | Vittorio  |
| Dal Bosco   | Davide    |
| Dalla Ricca | Edoardo   |
| Dimiccoli   | Francesco |
| Dolesi      | Rita      |
| Ferroni     | Valerio   |
| Marzari     | Francesco |
| Mezzena     | Renato    |
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| Venturelli  | Francesco |
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## Charges for the external Virgo technical review

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### Role of the external committee

The role of the external committee is to perform a review on the technical choices proposed by the collaboration, including the strategy to address, identify, and solve known unknowns such as the mystery noise. This review committee should be a **permanent committee**, meeting typically twice a year, and ensuring a close monitoring of the technical choices made by the collaboration along the entire duration of the project (including the organizational and managerial aspects related to the technological proposal).