

EUROPEAN
PLASMA RESEARCH
ACCELERATOR
WITH
EXCELLENCE IN
APPLICATIONS



Chapter 25 : System Engineering

Fara Cioeta

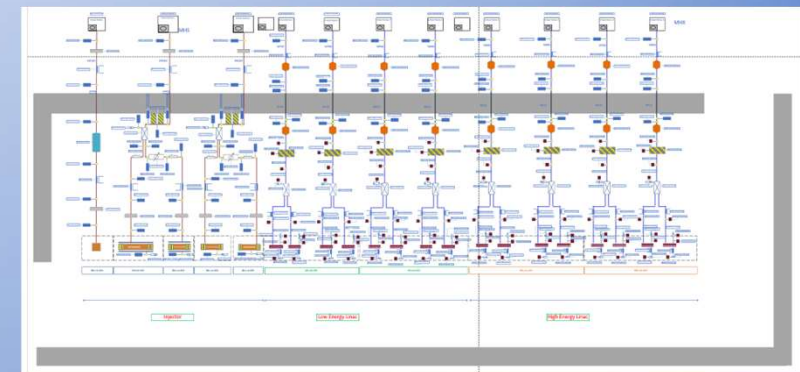
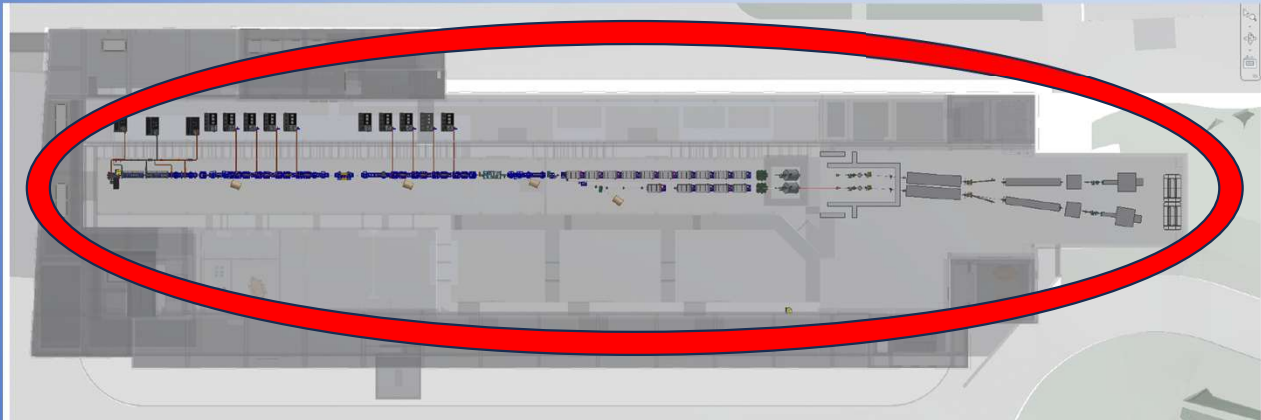
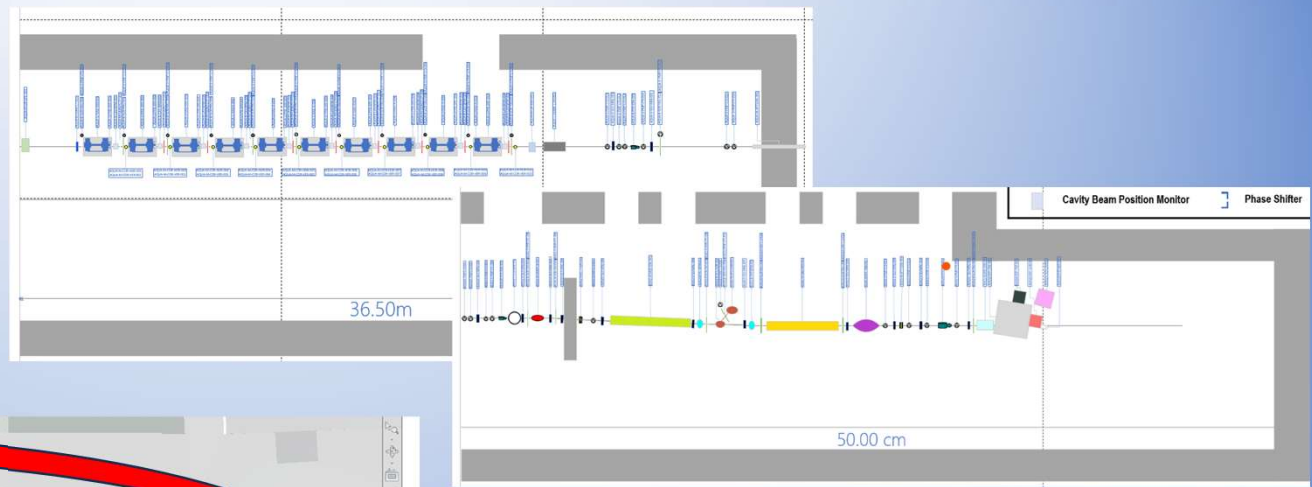
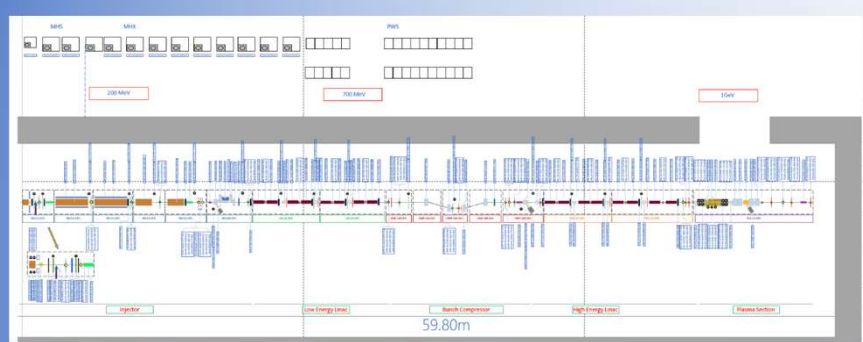
Configuration Manager EuPRAXIA@SPAR_LAB

INFN- LNF



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon Europe research and innovation program under grant agreement No. 101075773

IX TDR Review Committee Meeting
June 16-18, 2025



The scope of System Engineering is comprehensive, as it oversees various management aspects related to the development of the accelerator machine.

Systems Engineering is an interdisciplinary field of engineering that focuses on the development, design, integration, and management of complex artificial systems as EuPRAXIA@SPARC_Lab. It provides a structured process that helps organizations design and implement systems tailored to their specific requirements. As a specialized branch within Project Management (PM), Systems Engineering offers tools and methodologies essential for the realization of functional and sophisticated systems. It demands close collaboration among engineers, physicists, technicians, and other experts to successfully create and operate advanced technological infrastructures

1	System Engineering	9
1.1	Introduction	9
1.2	Machine Configuration Management Methodology	10
1.2.1	Key Actions of the Configuration Manager	10
1.2.2	Evaluation of Configuration Management Processes	10
1.2.3	Maturity Levels	12
1.2.4	Application Categories for Maturity Assessment (CMMI)	13
1.3	Naming Convention	14
1.3.1	Nomenclature Requirements	14
1.4	Schematic Layout	15
1.5	Asset Management	20
1.6	Database Tools and Updates	21
1.6.1	Hexagon Tool Database, Project Breakdown Structure and Utility Matrix	22
1.7	KPI - Key Performance Indicators	24
1.7.1	Types of KPIs Used in the Management of the EuPRAXIA@SPARC_LAB Project ..	24
1.7.2	V&V Model	25
1.8	Conclusions	25

- Centralized configuration management
- Requirements traceability through a dedicated database
- Integration of digital tools for monitoring and management
- Structured asset management
- Definition of KPIs for performance monitoring
- Effective coordination between subsystems

Level	Name	Description
1	Initial	Asset management is reactive and ad hoc. No formal processes or documentation.
2	Managed	Basic asset tracking exists. Some planning and maintenance are documented.
3	Defined	Standardized processes are in place. Roles and responsibilities are clear.
4	Quantitatively Managed	Performance is measured using KPIs. Data-driven decisions are made.
5	Optimizing	Continuous improvement and innovation. Predictive maintenance is implemented.

The maturity of the configuration management process was assessed using the **CMMI (Capability Maturity Model Integration)** framework. EuPRAXIA@SPARC_LAB is currently in a transition phase between **level 3 (Defined)** and **level 5 (Optimizing)**. This transition state reflects the different degrees of development maturity in the various aspects of project management. In particular, while individual subsystems have reached a level of maturity consistent with Level 5 - characterised by continuous improvement and process optimisation - the integration of these subsystems is still evolving. Efforts are underway **to achieve full optimisation** at the system level. These initiatives include: Continuous integration of subsystems, the improvement of validation and verification processes, and the evolution of digital tools for greater automation in performance monitoring and strategic decision-making

- Ongoing integration of subsystems
- Advancement of digital tools to enhance automation
- Effective coordination among subsystems to support integration and to finalized the Utility Matrix
- Certain KPIs may require revision or updates based on project developments
- Improvement of validation and verification processes
- Experimental database setup: transition to production phase once the machine becomes operational and integration with OpenCAD BIM tool.

The **EuPRAXIA@SPARC_LAB** project represents an advanced model of integration between **systems engineering, digitalization, and predictive asset management** for complex scientific infrastructures. The configuration management process has been assessed according to the **CMMI framework**, currently positioned in a **transition phase between Level 3 (Defined) and Level 5 (Optimizing)**, with several subsystems already compliant with the highest standards.

The adoption of the **Hexagon EAM platform** enables full **component traceability, predictive maintenance planning, and performance monitoring** through technical, economic, and safety-related KPIs. The **Project Breakdown Structure (PBS)** and **Utility Matrix** support the functional decomposition of the accelerator, ensuring both **design and operational consistency**.

The project stands as a **benchmark for the management of scientific infrastructures**, thanks to its approach focused on **innovation, standardization, and continuous improvement**.

"The chapter is aligned with the overall project requirements and provides a solid foundation for future technical integration."