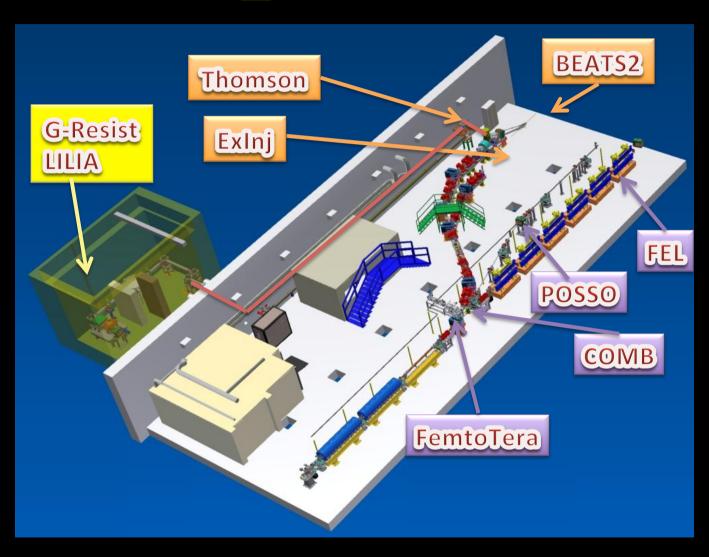
## 4th SPARC\_LAB PAB Meeting

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15:00 Welcome - U. Dosselli
15:07 Introduction - P. Muggli
15:15 SPARC_LAB status and plans - M. Ferrario
15:45 Thomson source status- C. Vaccarezza
16:00 Coffee Break
16:15 FLAME activities - G. Gatti
16:30 Experiments with THz radiation - S. Lupi
16:45 Collaboration with Stratclyde University - M. P. Anania
17:00 STAR/SPARC_LAB collaboration - D. T. Palmer
17:15 Measuring Propagation Speed of Coulomb Fields - G. Pizzella
17:30 Final Discussion - P. Muggli
18:00 Closed Session
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19:00 Transfer to Villa Mercede

## 4th SPARC\_LAB PAB Meeting



## What has been done since PAB\_3

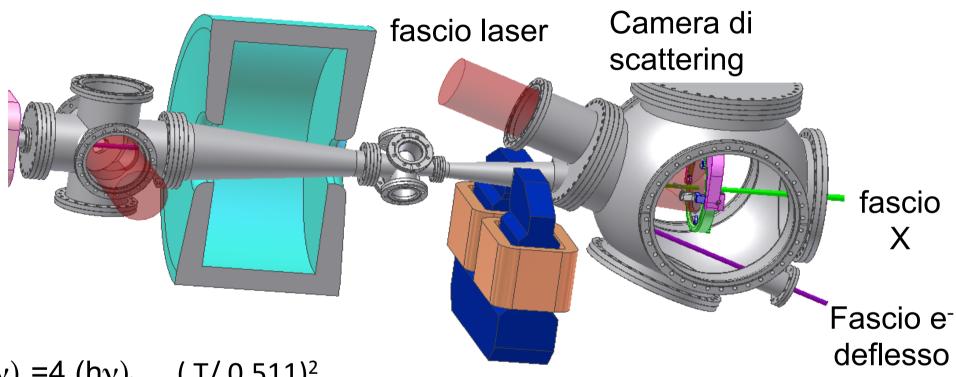
EXPECTED	May	June	July	Aug/Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Thomson	Electron Transp.	Photon Transp.	Synch. & First Collisions		Collisions	Collisions /Users	Users
FEL	Seeded 2 Colors Exp.			Inst. New Und.			Exp. With New Und.
THZ		Exp.	Exp.				
C-band	HP Test	HP Test	HP Test	Inst. on line			
Protons	Exp.						
Plasma/ Compton		Exp.					
ExInj./ Comb	Simulatio ns	EoS	Int. Chamber		Int. Chamber	Int. Chamber	Int. Chamber

Actual	May	June	July	Aug	Sept.
Thomson	Electron Transp./ Laser C. room pb	Electron Transp/ Kly problem	Electron Transp/ Kly problem		Kly problem fixing
FEL			Seeded 2 Colors Tentative		
THZ		COMB EOS/THz	Stratc. Univ	Short pulse test	
C-band	RF Test	RF Test	RF Test		Inst. Off line
Protons		Test			
Plasma/ Compton		Exp.			
ExInj./ Comb	Simulatio ns	Int. Chamber	EOS/ emitt.		

## X-ray THOMSON Source

More details in C. Vaccarezza talk

## Thomson Interaction region (20-550 keV)



 $(hv)_x = 4 (hv)_{laser} (T/0.511)^2$ 

 $(hv)_{laser} = 1.2 \text{ eV}$ T = 30.28 MeV

 $(hv)_x = 20 \text{ keV mammografia}$  12 mrad

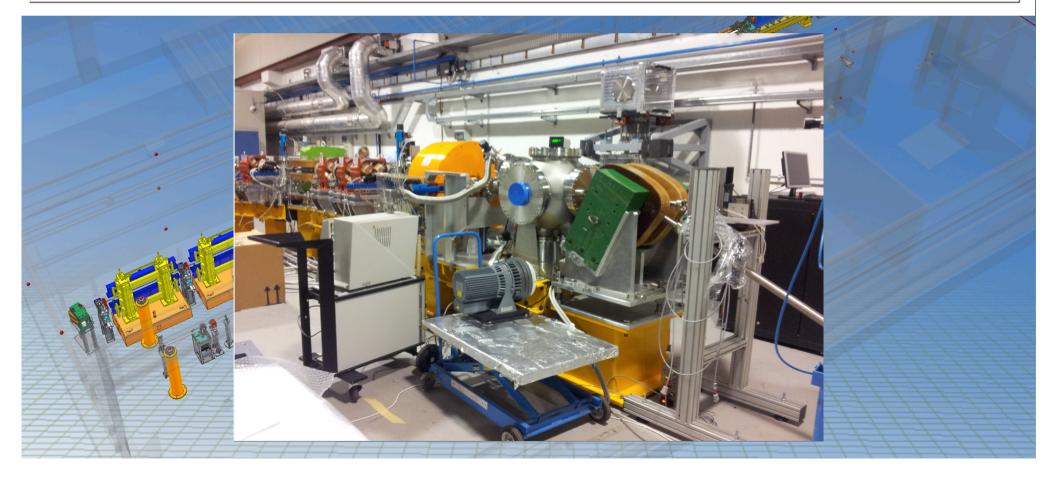
Impulso laser: 6 ps, 5 J

pacchetto e<sup>-</sup>: 1 nC, I: 2 mm (rms)

Impulso X: 10 ps, 10<sup>9</sup> fotoni

## Thomson back-scattering source

carica	energia	enx	eny	I <u>P sigmax</u>	IP sigmay
(pC)	(MeV)	(mm <u>mrad</u> )	(mm <u>mrad</u> )	mm	(mm)
230	157	2.7	4.5	.50	.55
220	75	2.9	5	.28	.36
230	50	1.2	2.3	.17	.18



	Commissioning status & plan:
	▶ Up to now:
	► ~250 pC e <sup>-</sup> beam , Energy= 155-75-50 MeV
	Down to dumper w flags
-	→ On going:
	Quads alignement refinement
	Establish BPM reference orbit
	Response matrix iterations for lattice optimization
	Photon beam transport & optimization
	▶ Next:
	<ul><li>Synchronization &amp; Collision</li></ul>
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#### Physics and Applications of High Brightness Beams Workshop, HBEB 2013

#### Inverse Compton cross section revisited

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#### Dual color X-rays from Thomson/ Compton sources

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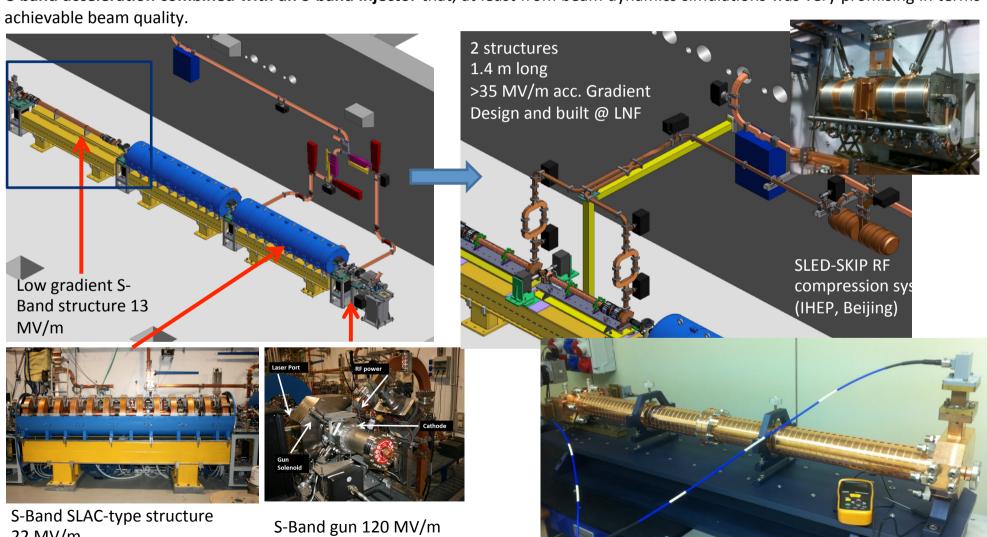
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# C-BAND for SPARC\_LAB and ELI\_NP

#### **C-BAND ACCELERATING SYSTEM @ SPARC**

The energy upgrade of the SPARC photo-injector at LNF-INFN from 150 to more than 240 MeV will be done by replacing a low gradient S-Band accelerating structure with two C-band structures. The structures are **TW and CI**, have symmetric axial input couplers and have been optimized to work with a SLED RF input pulse. In the SPARC photoinjector the choice of the C-band for the energy upgrade was dictated by the opportunity to achieve a higher accelerating gradient, enabled by the higher frequency, and to explore a C-band acceleration combined with an S-band injector that, at least from beam dynamics simulations was very promising in terms of



22 MV/m

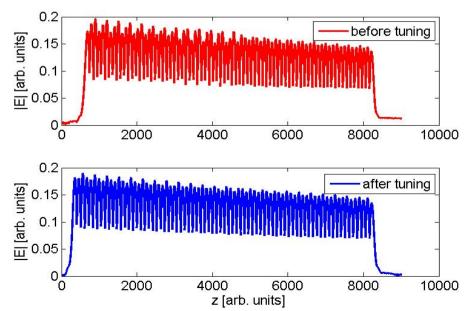
#### FINAL C-BAND STRUCTURES AND TEST AT SPARC

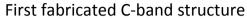
Test stand for high power test

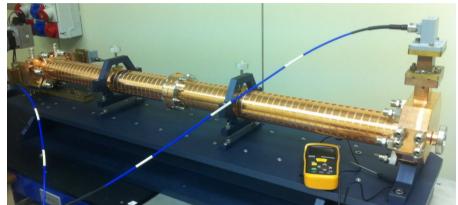
Toshiba klystron and solid state modulator by Scandinova

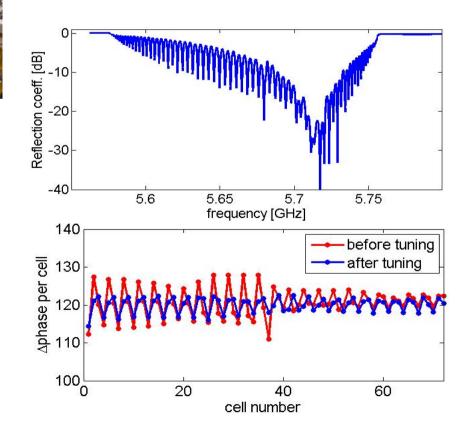












#### **C-BAND RF GUN**

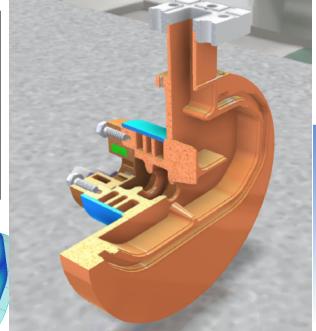
The designed gun integrate a waveguide coupler that allows:

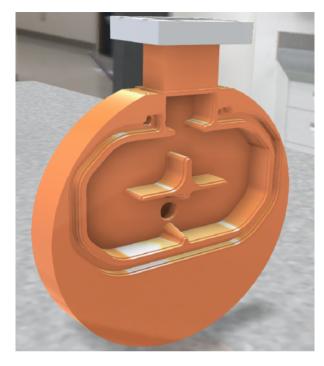
- -high efficiency cooling of the accelerating cells
- -low pulsed heating of the coupler surfaces
- -arbitrary solenoids position around the accelerating cells and on the beam pipe
- -100 Hz operation in multi bunch

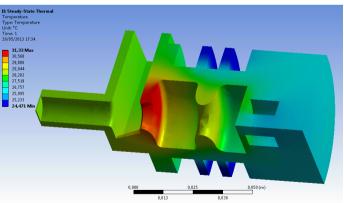
-fabrication of the gun without brazing processes (hard copper->higher

gradients)

PARAMETERS			
f [GHz]	5712		
$Q_0$	10900		
E <sub>cathode</sub> @10 MW Pin	200 [MV/m]		
β	2		
Filling time τ	200 [ns]		

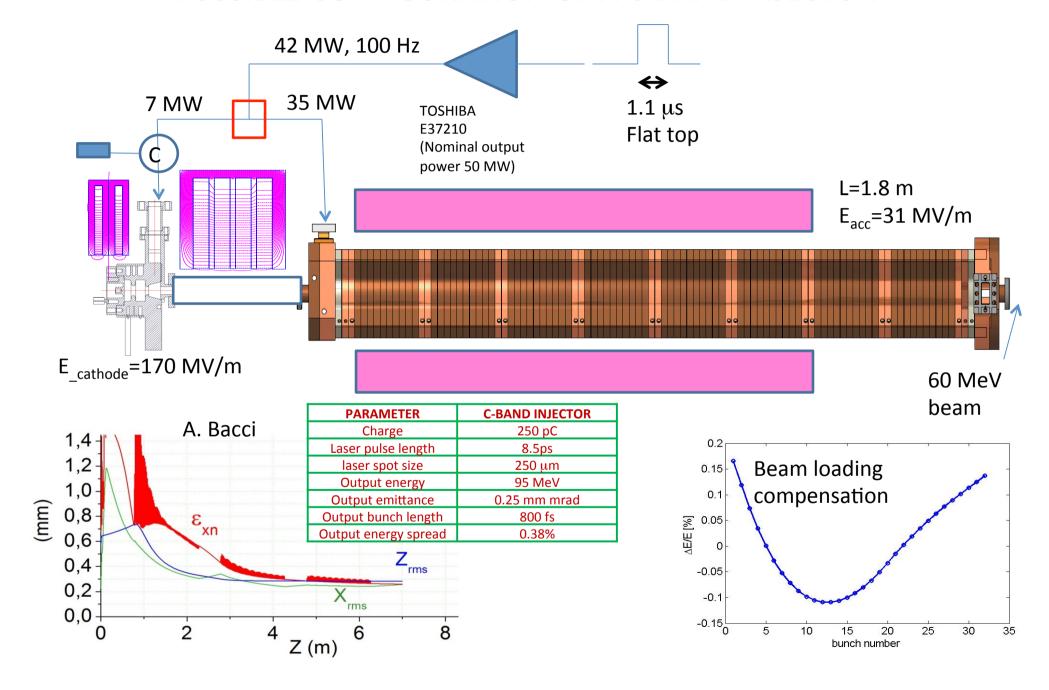






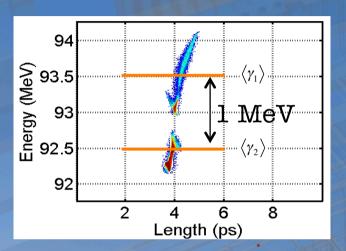
NEXT STEP: \$/€/time/people for the first prototype realization

#### POSSIBLE CONFIGURATION OF A C-BAND INJECTOR



## TWO COLORS FEL

## TWO COLORS SASE FEL

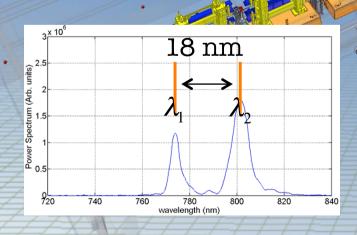


two bunches with a two-level energy distribution and time overlap (Laser COMB tech.)

$$\lambda_{r} = \frac{\lambda_{u}}{2\gamma^{2}} \left( 1 + K_{rms}^{2} \right)$$

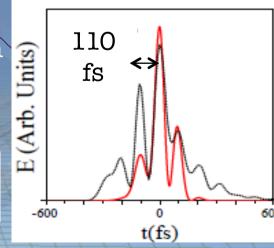
$$\frac{\Delta \lambda_{r}}{\langle \lambda_{r} \rangle} = 2 \frac{\langle \gamma_{1} \rangle - \langle \gamma_{2} \rangle}{\langle \gamma \rangle}$$

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produce two wavelength SASE -FEL radiation with time modulation

$$\Delta t = \frac{\lambda_u \left( 1 + K_{rms}^2 \right)}{4c \left\langle \gamma \right\rangle \left\langle \gamma_1 \right\rangle - \left\langle \gamma_2 \right\rangle}$$



#### Observation of Time-Domain Modulation of Free-Electron-Laser Pulses by Multipeaked Electron-Energy Spectrum

V. Petrillo, M. P. Anania, M. Artioli, A. Bacci, M. Bellaveglia, E. Chiadroni, A. Cianchi, F. Ciocci, G. Dattoli, D. Di Giovenale, G. Di Pirro, M. Ferrario, G. Gatti, L. Giannessi, A. Mostacci, P. Musumeci, A. Petralia, R. Pompili, M. Quattromini, J. V. Rau, C. Ronsivalle, A. R. Rossi, E. Sabia, C. Vaccarezza, and F. Villa

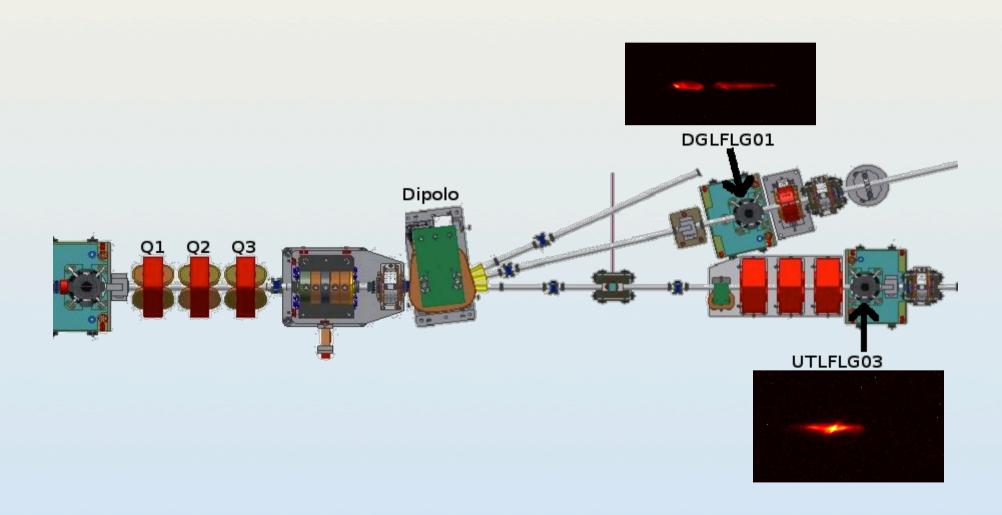
#### Two Color Free-Electron Laser and Frequency Beating

F. Ciocci<sup>1</sup>, G. Dattoli<sup>1\*</sup>, S. Pagnutti<sup>2</sup>, A. Petralia<sup>1</sup>, E. Sabia<sup>1</sup>, P. L. Ottaviani<sup>3</sup>, M. Ferrario<sup>4</sup>, V. Petrillo<sup>5</sup> and F. Villa<sup>4</sup>

#### Large-bandwidth two-color free-electron laser driven by a comb-like electron beam

C. Ronsivalle<sup>1</sup>, M. P. Anania<sup>2</sup>, A. Bacci<sup>3</sup>, M. Bellaveglia<sup>2</sup>, E. Chiadroni<sup>2</sup>, A. Cianchi<sup>4</sup>, F. Ciocci<sup>1</sup>, G. Dattoli<sup>1</sup>, D. Di Giovenale<sup>2</sup>, G. Di Pirro<sup>2</sup>, M. Ferrario<sup>2</sup>, G. Gatti<sup>2</sup>, L. Giannessi<sup>1</sup>, A. Mostacci<sup>5</sup>, P. Musumeci<sup>6</sup>, L. Palumbo<sup>5</sup>, A. Petralia<sup>1</sup>, V. Petrillo<sup>3</sup>, R. Pompili<sup>4</sup>, J. V. Rau<sup>7</sup>, A. R. Rossi<sup>3</sup>, C. Vaccarezza<sup>2</sup>, F. Villa<sup>2</sup>

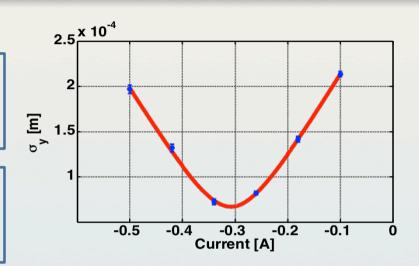
## Measuring single beam properties

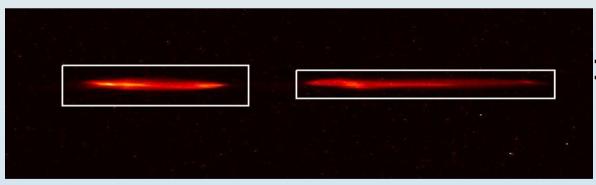


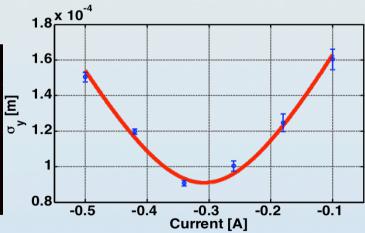
#### Emittance measurements comb beams

 $\varepsilon = (1.77 \pm 0.05) \, \mathrm{mm \ mrad}$   $\alpha = -2.1 \pm 0.1$   $\beta = (27 \pm 1) \, \mathrm{m}$ 

 $\varepsilon = (1.62 \pm 0.04) \, \mathrm{mm \ mrad}$  Second bunch  $\alpha = -0.94 \pm 0.05$   $\beta = (13.4 \pm 0.5) \, \mathrm{m}$ 





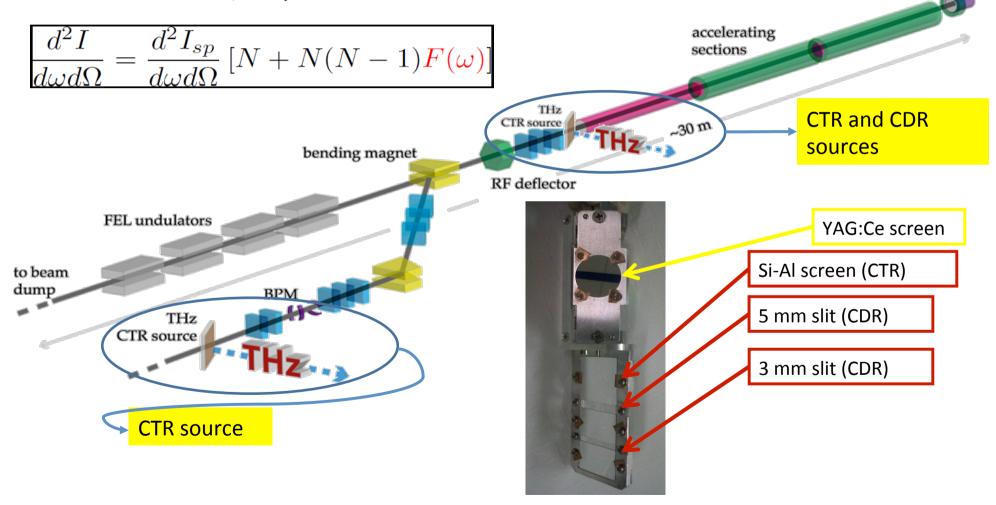


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## THz Source

## The SPARC\_LAB THz beam lines

<u>Linac-based source</u>: Coherent Radiation from an aluminum-coated silicon screen (Coherent Transition Radiation, CTR) and from a rectangular aperture in the metallic screen (Coherent Diffraction Radiation, CDR).

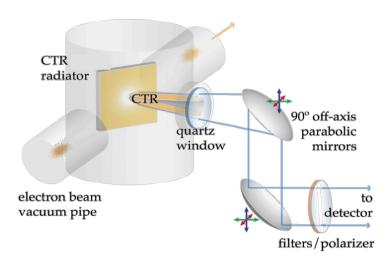


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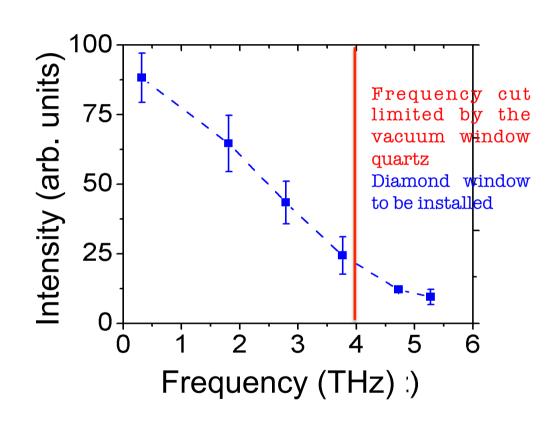
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## Broad-band THz radiation: Measurements



Electron beam parameters		
Energy (MeV)	100	
Charge (pC)	260	
RMS bunch length (fs) 260		

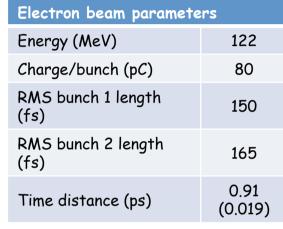


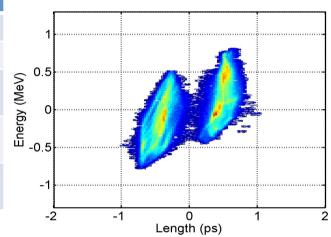
E. Chiadroni et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. 102, 094101 (2013)

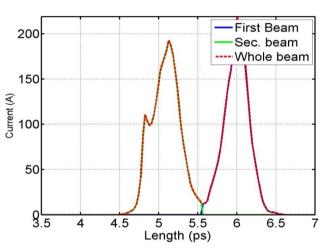
## Narrow-band THz radiation: 2-bunches train measurements

Measured Longitudinal Phase Space (LPS)

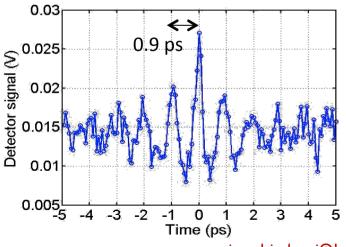
Current profile as measured at the end of the linac

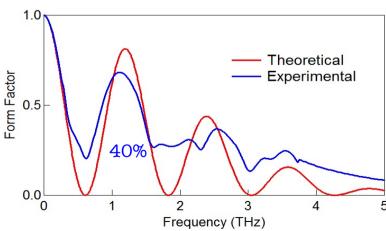






Autocorrelation measurement of CTR with a Michelson interferometer





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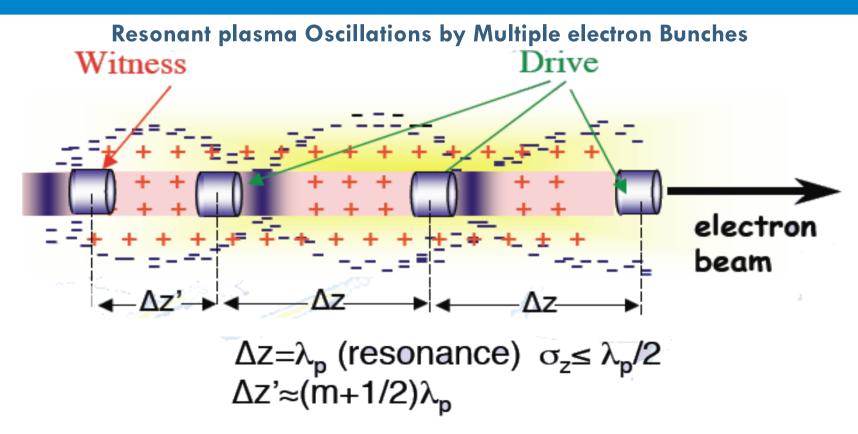
## Achieved THz Performances

Electron beam parameters	Single bunch (VB mode: max compression)	4-bunches per train (VB mode + laser comb)
Charge/bunch (pC)	300	50
Energy (MeV)	130	100
Bunch length (fs)	160	200
Rep. Rate (Hz)		10

Radiation parameters	SPARC (single bunch)	SPARC (4-bunches/train)
Energy per pulse (J)	40 10-6	0.6 10 <sup>-6</sup> (@ 1 THz)
Peak power (MW)	<b>&gt;</b> 100	3 (@ 1 THz)
Average power (W)	1.8 10-4	6 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Electric field (kV/cm)	500	> 10
Pulse duration (fs)	160	< 100
Bandwidth (%)	broadband	< 25

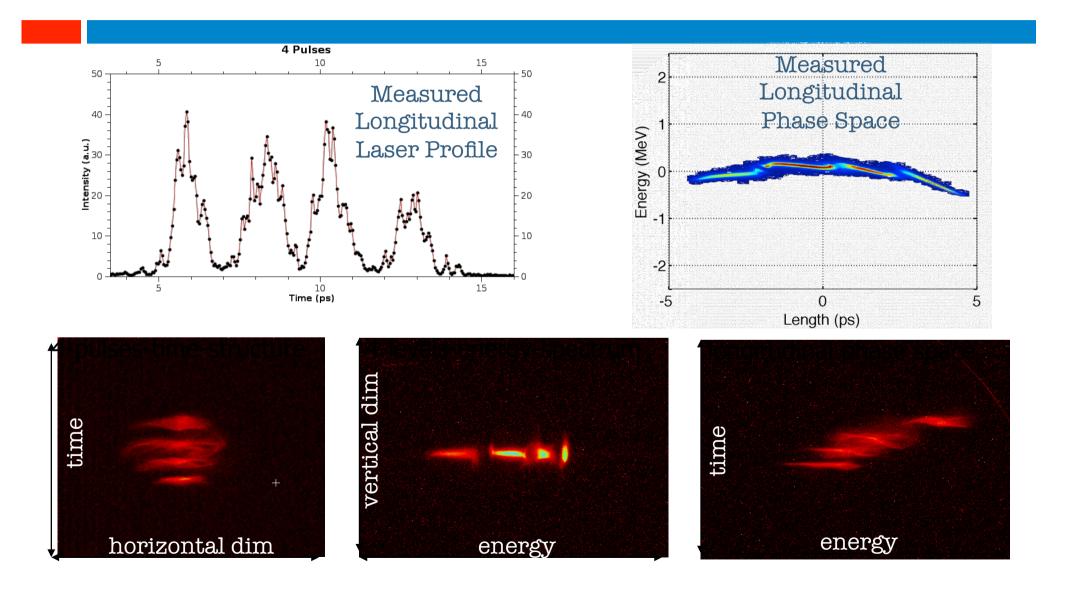
## COMB\_PWFA

## COMB Principle

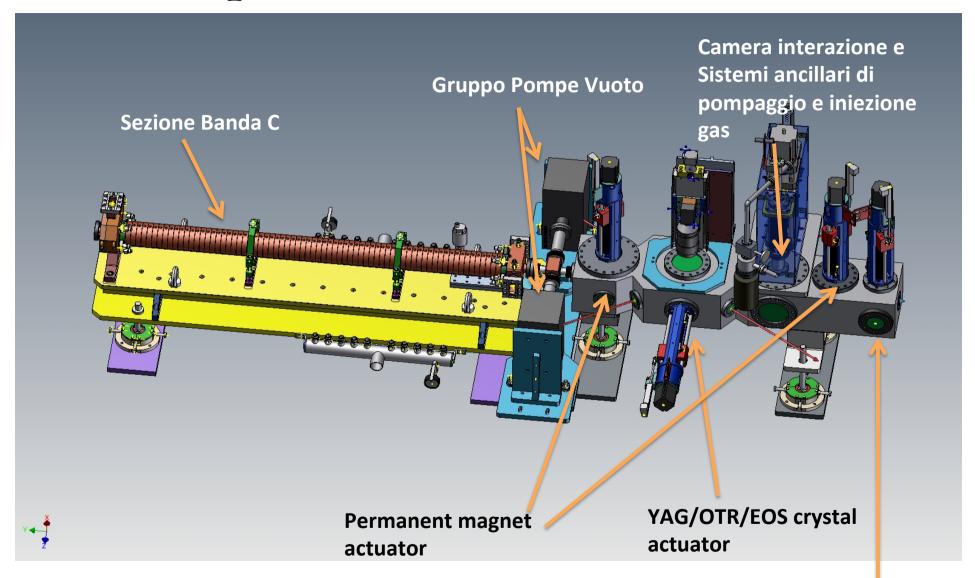


❖ Weak blowout regime with resonant amplification of plasma wave by a train of high brightness electron bunches produced by Laser Comb technique → 5 GV/m with a train of 3 bunches, 100 pC/bunch, 50 μm long, 20 μm spot size, in a plasma of density  $10^{22}$  e<sup>-</sup>/m<sup>3</sup> at  $\lambda_p$ =300 μm?

## Achieved Comb structure



### COMB plasma interaction chamber



#### Transformer Ratio Studies for Single Bunch Plasma Wakefield Acceleration<sup>★</sup>

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#### Numerical Investigation of Beam-Driven PWFA in Quasi-Nonlinear Regime

P. Londrillo<sup>a</sup>, C. Gatti<sup>b</sup>, M. Ferrario<sup>b</sup>

Relativistic charged-particle bunch dynamics via the generation of wake field

F. Tanjia<sup>a,b</sup>, R. Fedele<sup>a,b</sup>, S. De Nicola<sup>c,a,b</sup>, D. Jovanović<sup>d</sup>

Self-modulation of a long relativistic charged-particle beam in plasmas. A preliminary quantum-like investigation

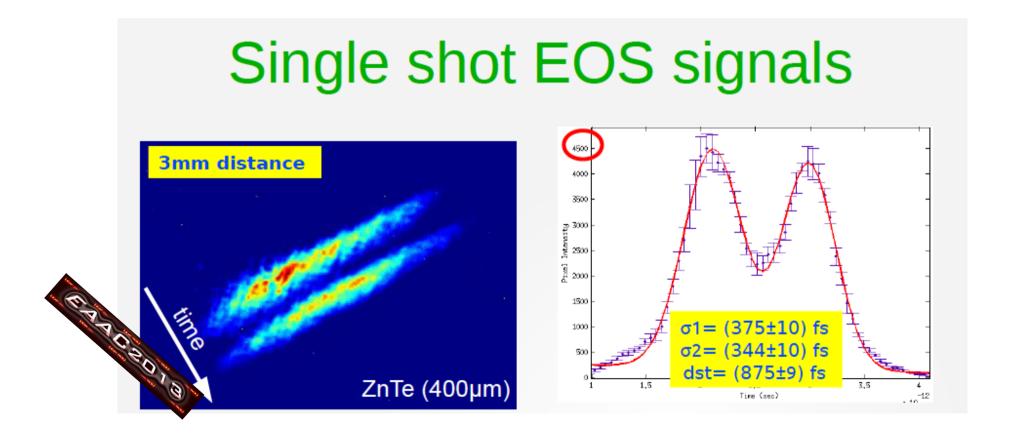
Laser pulse shaping for multi-bunches photoinjectors

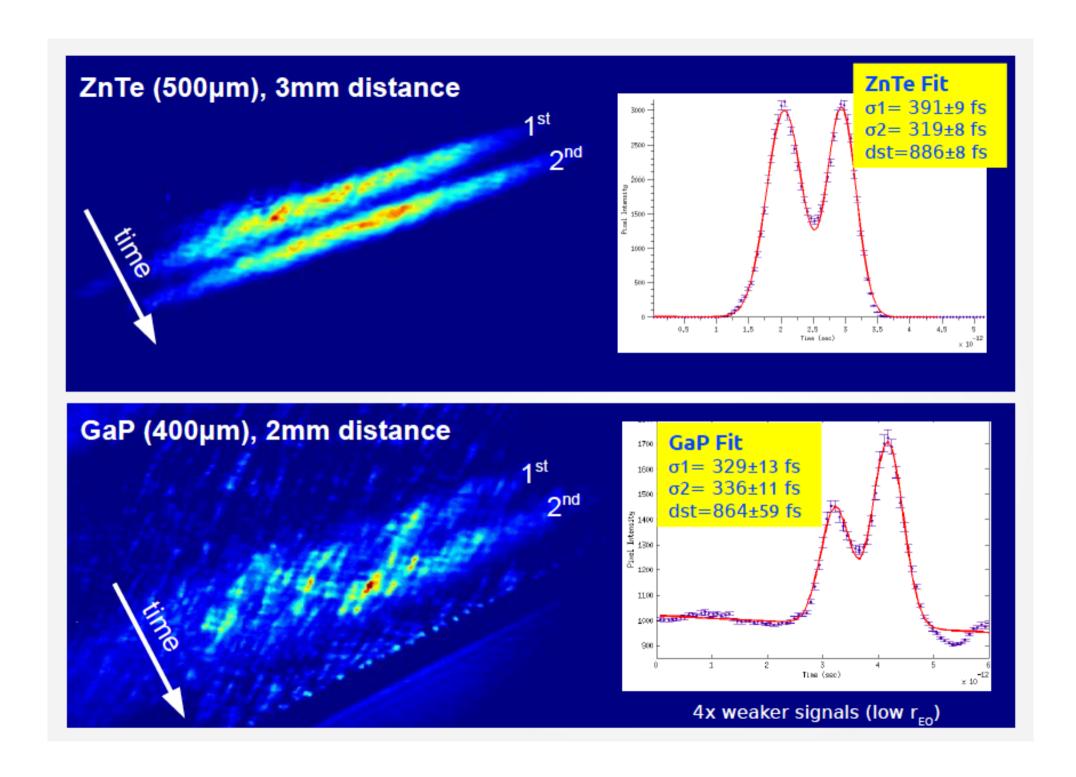
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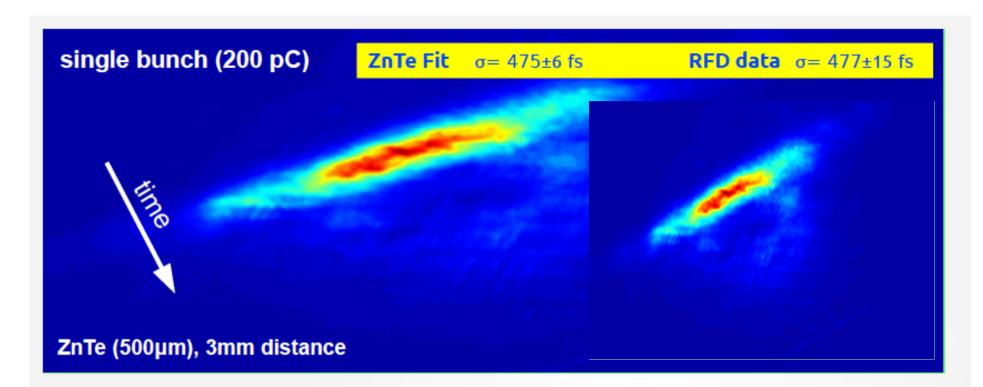
## First single-shot and non-intercepting longitudinal bunch diagnostics for comb-like beam by means of Electro-Optic Sampling

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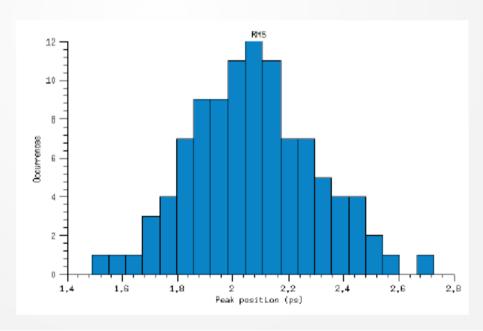




#### **Time Jitter evaluation**

- EOS laser directly derived from the photocathode laser -->
- the laser-RF system time jitter can be evaluated:

 $\Delta t = 137 \text{ fs}$ 



## Conclusions & Outlooks

- We demonstrate it is possible to use EOS to measure multi-bunches (comb-like) beams.
- It can be used as a time-stamp and/or to evaluate the RF time jitter.
- Actually, bunches larger than 200 fs are correctly measured.
- Bunch spacing in COMB beams is well reproduced while the bunch lengths are too short to be correctly measured → improvements needed for sub-100fs bunches:
  - Shorter laser pulse → make a pulse compressor to achieve laser TF pulse length of 60 fs (rms).
  - Use thinner crystals → with 100um-thick resolution of about 50 fs (GaP) rms are achievable.
    - Drawback: very low signals!
  - Exploring different EO crystals...

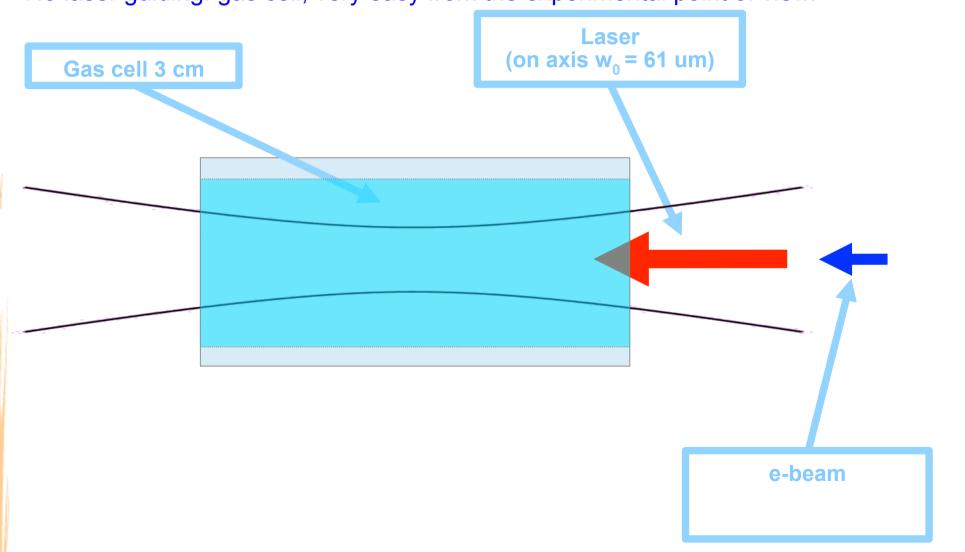
## ExInj-LWFA

#### Electron beamlines

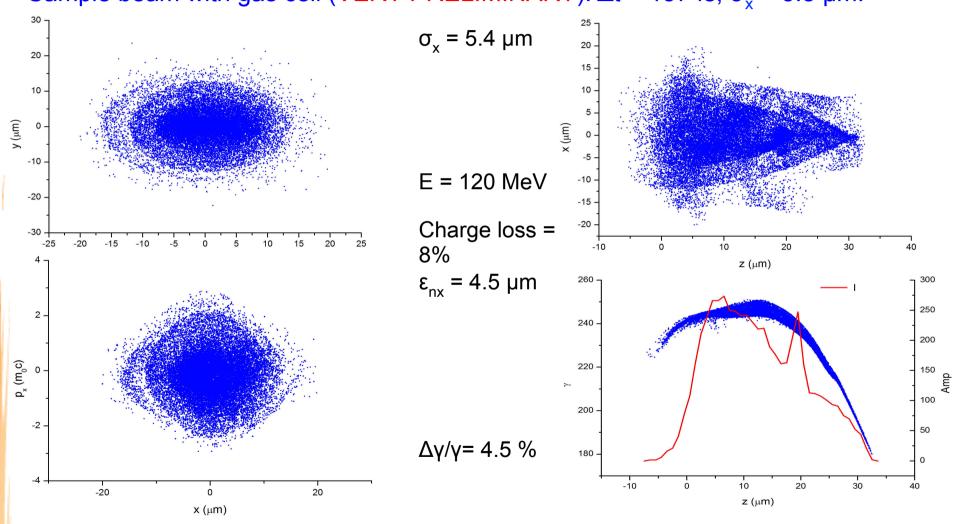
S P A R C Hall update



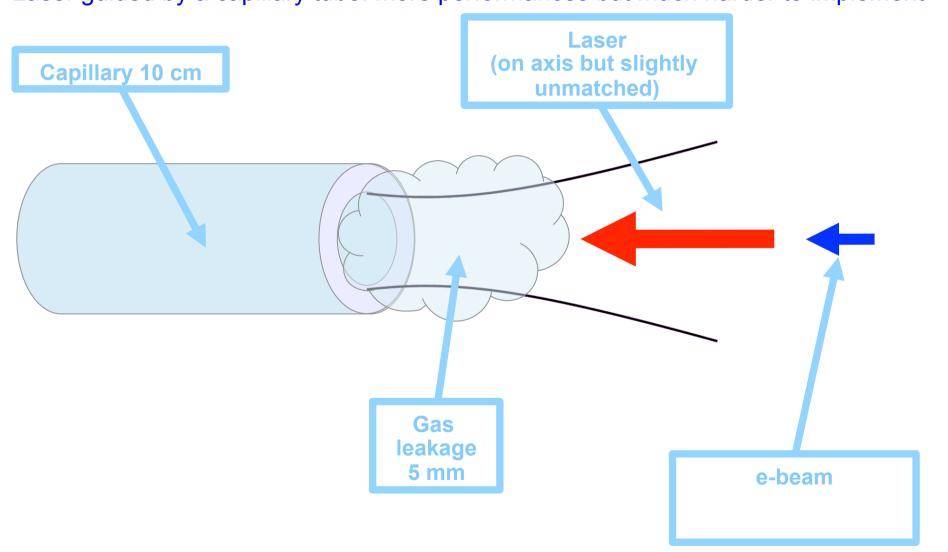
No laser guiding: gas cell, very easy from the experimental point of view.

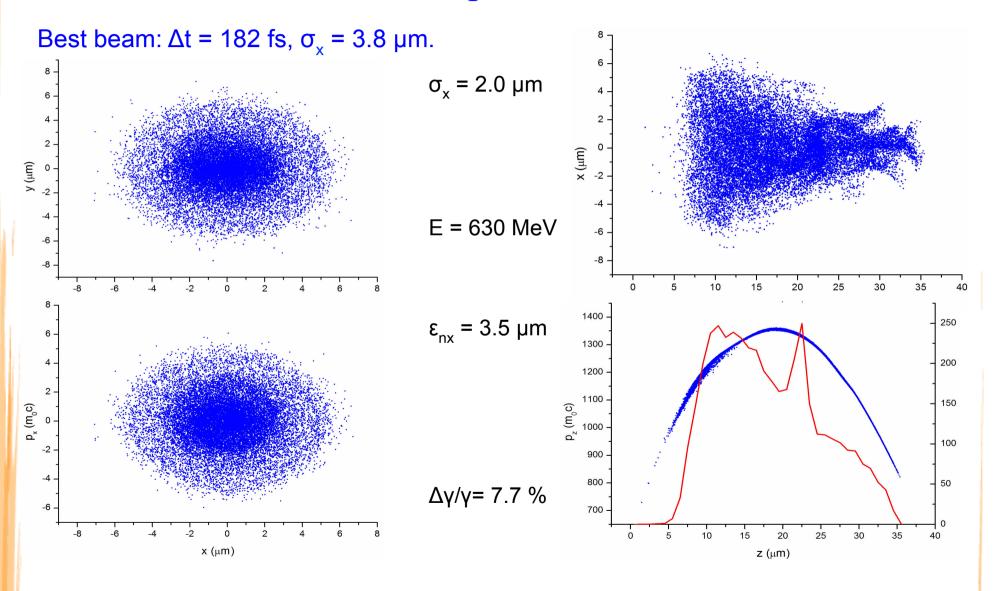


Sample beam with gas cell (VERY PRELIMINARY):  $\Delta t = 157$  fs,  $\sigma_x = 3.8 \mu m$ .

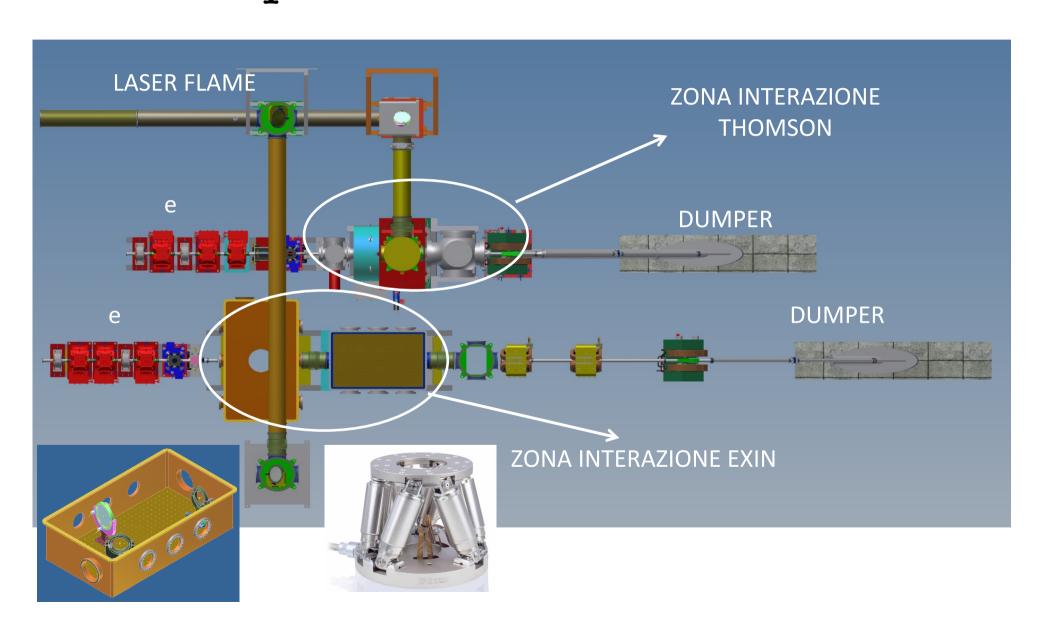


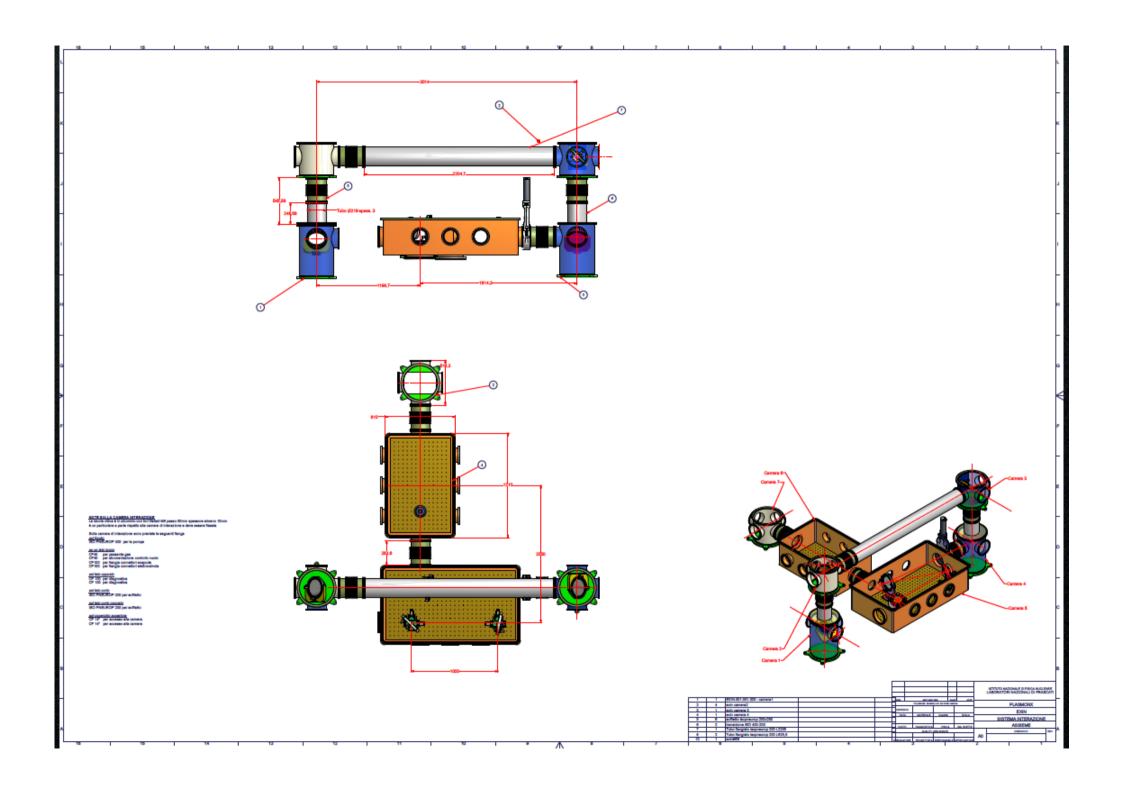
Laser guided by a capillary tube: more performances but much harder to implement

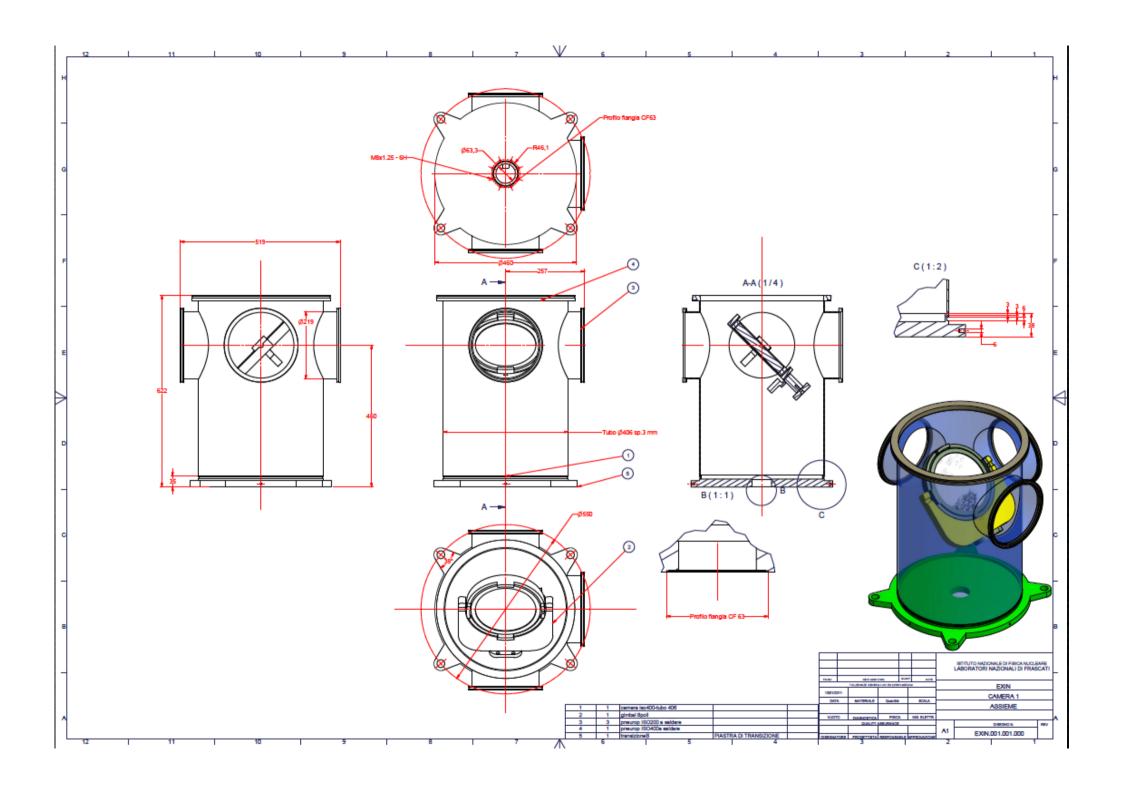




## EXIN plasma interaction chamber







# LWFA

More details in G. Gatti talk



## γ-RESIST



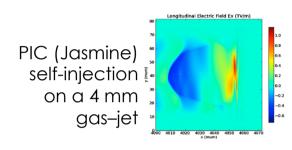
#### Inverse Compton scattering of of self-injected, LWFA sub-GeV electrons<sup>1,2</sup>

Exp'ed: 2E8 photons/shot

Montecarlo TSST: expected angular and spectral distribution

γ-photons

e-bunch SIMULATIONS



Photons at screen: image and spectrum

Laser (scattering)

LWFA electrons

Laser (main)

γ-rays



First measured (July 2013) γ-ray signal: low S/N ratio.

Higher shielding, collision stability and laser beam energy needed

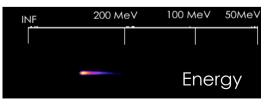
γ-photons

#### e-bunch

Measured bunch fully established July 2013 run: monoenergetic+

low emittance









**EXPERIMENT** 

## **DESY Proposal**

DESY, INO-CNR, Strathclyde University, LNF

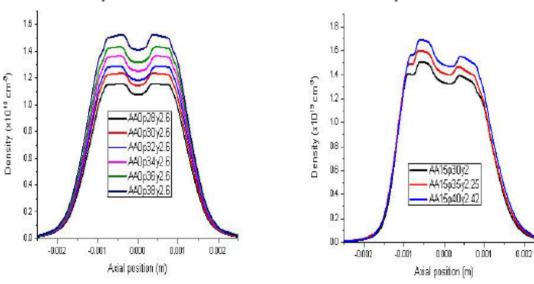
Density Profile Modulation:

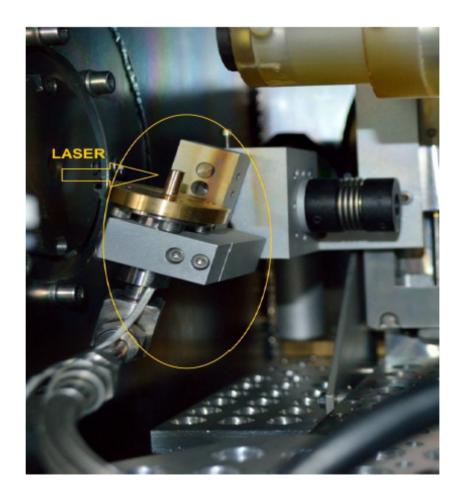
Goal → Dephasing Length

Goal → Pump Depletion

Also study of pointing, divergence dependence on the density profile parameters (ramp, plateau)

Expected asimmetries in the 2 planes





FURTHER ON...

2 Gas-Jet → Plasma lensing effect, dependence on the gas ionization (different gases)

## Proton Acceleration

#### SHORT TERM PROGRAM: LILIA PHASE I

- A parametric study of the correlation of the maximum accelerated proton energy, with respect to the following parameters:
- Laser pulse intensity (in the range  $10^{18} < I < 10^{20} \text{ W/cm}^2$ )
- Laser pulse energy (in the range 0.1-4 J)
- Laser pulse length (in the range 25 fs-1ps)
- Metallic target thickness (in the range 1-10 microns).
- In such a frame we would like to deeply investigate the experimental scale rules within the possibilities offered by the FLAME facility. Moreover, this will provide the opportunity to get experience in the development of diagnostic techniques and in target optimization.

# Next months

	Oct 1-15	Oct 16-31	Nov 1-15	Nov 16-30	Dec	Jan	Feb
Thomson	Kly 2 Problem fixing	Electrons /Photons Transp		Photons/ Electrons Transp	Collisions Test	X-ray test	X-ray test
FEL					Seeded 2 colors?		Shot Noise Red?
THZ			Experim ent				
C-band	Inst.	Inst.	HP-RF Test	HP-RF Test	HP-RF Test		
LILIA			Experim ent				
DESY						Experim ent	

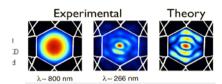
# Appeal

- The ongoing SPARC\_LAB activities are being studied in several other laboratories, including SLAC, DESY, CERN and KEK with equally or even more ambitious research programs.
- Therefore the time factor becomes very important to remain at the research frontier and to produce results with highimpact on the international scientific community.
- A redefinition of the priorities inside LNF and an increase in the number of dedicated researchers and technician shifts is an indisensabile requirement to keep SPARC\_LAB productive.

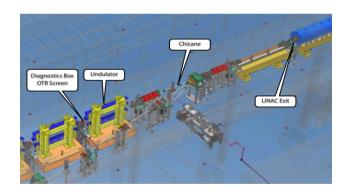
# MORE FEL

## Scientific collaboration proposals

Alternative seed sources
 Kagomé fibers
 (N. Joly, MP M.E. Couprie Soleil)



 Experimental Study of New Effects of Noise Suppression in Relativistic Electron-Beam and Spontaneous Emission Sub-radiance in FEL (A. Nause, A. Gover, - Tel Aviv University)

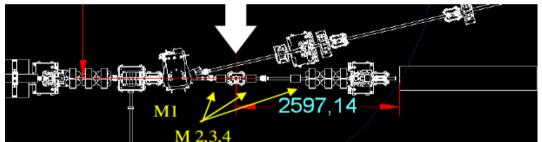


#### Experimental Study of New Effects of Noise Suppression in Relativistic Electron-Beam and Spontaneous Emission Sub-radiance in FEL

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#### The Research goals

- Control over electron beam noise in the optical spectral range by means of a process of Coulomb collective micro-dynamics and use of a dispersive magnetic structure, and specifically attain current-noise suppression below the classical "shot-noise limit".

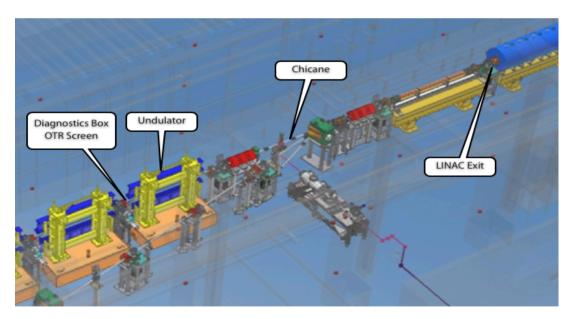


-Suppression of spontaneous (inconerent) radiation emission in electron beam radiation schemes (sub-radiance in the sense of Dicke). Specifically in the context of FELs: demonstrating radiation noise suppression and coherence enhancement of seed radiation injected FEL.

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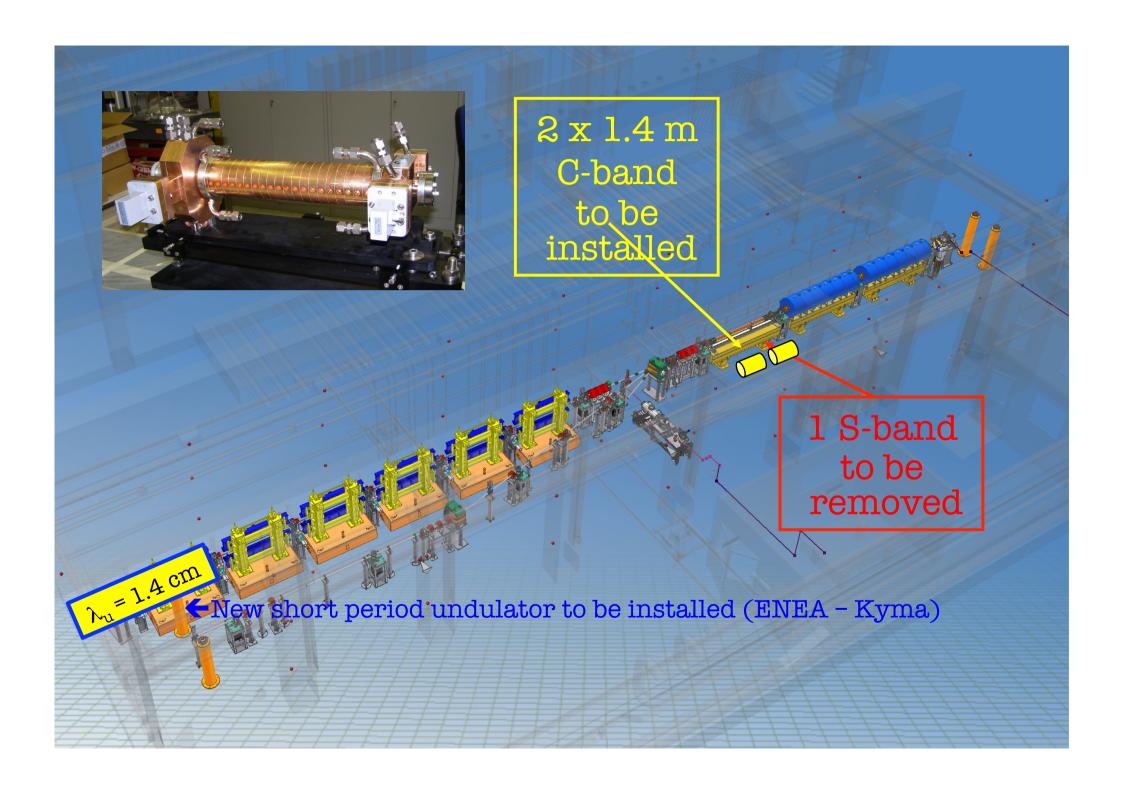
- If observed, the undulator radiation suppression effect would be a first demonstration of Dicke's fundamental effect of spontaneous emission sub-radiance in an FEL structure.
- Since SPARC is equipped with a High Harmonic Generation seed injection laser, it will be also possible to observe the radiation noise suppression and coherence enhancement effect in SPARC's FEL.



#### **Plan of Visit**

Two visits, of 3-4 weeks each, are planned:

- (1) Experiment setting, equipment use training and calibration of diagnostics.
- (2) Conduction of scientific experiments.



## SPARC-FEL: future developments

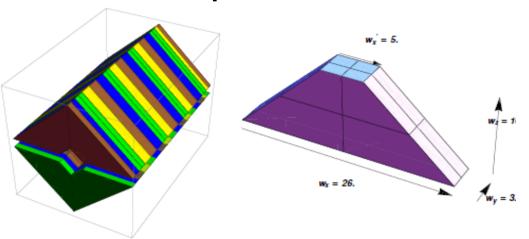
DELTA like undulator (end of 2012)

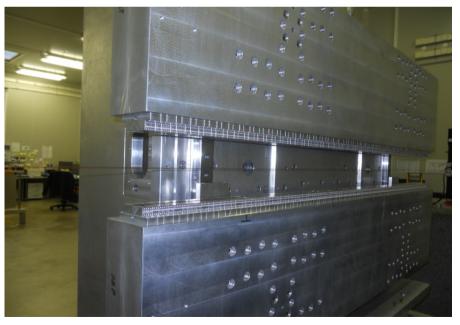
 $\lambda u = 14.0$ mm, gap g = 5mm, Br = 1.22T.

Undulator test in two possible configuration with the actual accelerator:

- 1)Two stage SASE-FEL cascade: 450nm to 150 nm
- 2)Three stage seeded FEL cascade: 400nm 200nm 100nm

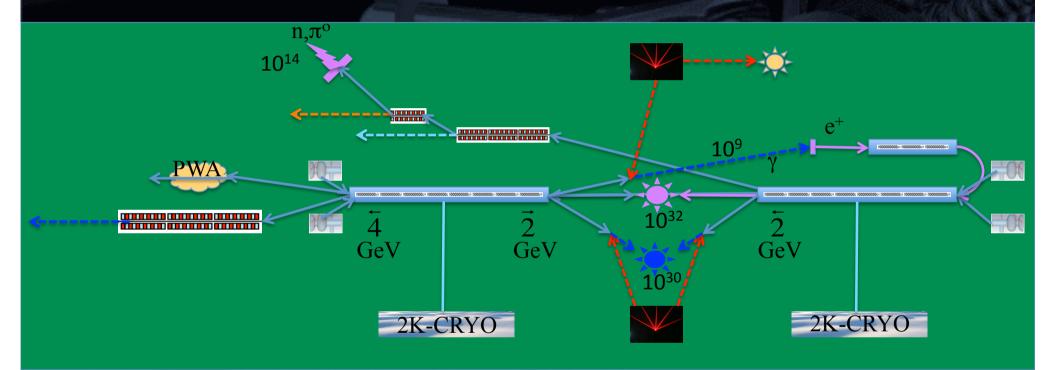
**KYMA** undulator





# IRIDE

I R I D E is a large infrastructure for fundamental and applied physics research. Conceived as an innovative and evolutionary tool for multi-disciplinary investigations in a wide field of scientific, technological and industrial applications, it will be a high intensity "particle beams factory".



Based on a combination of a high duty cycle radio-frequency superconducting electron linac (SC RF LINAC) and of high energy lasers it will be able to produce a high flux of electrons, photons (from infrared to y-rays), protons and eventually positrons, that will be available for a wide national and international scientific community interested to take profit of the most advanced particle and radiation sources.

### IRIDE

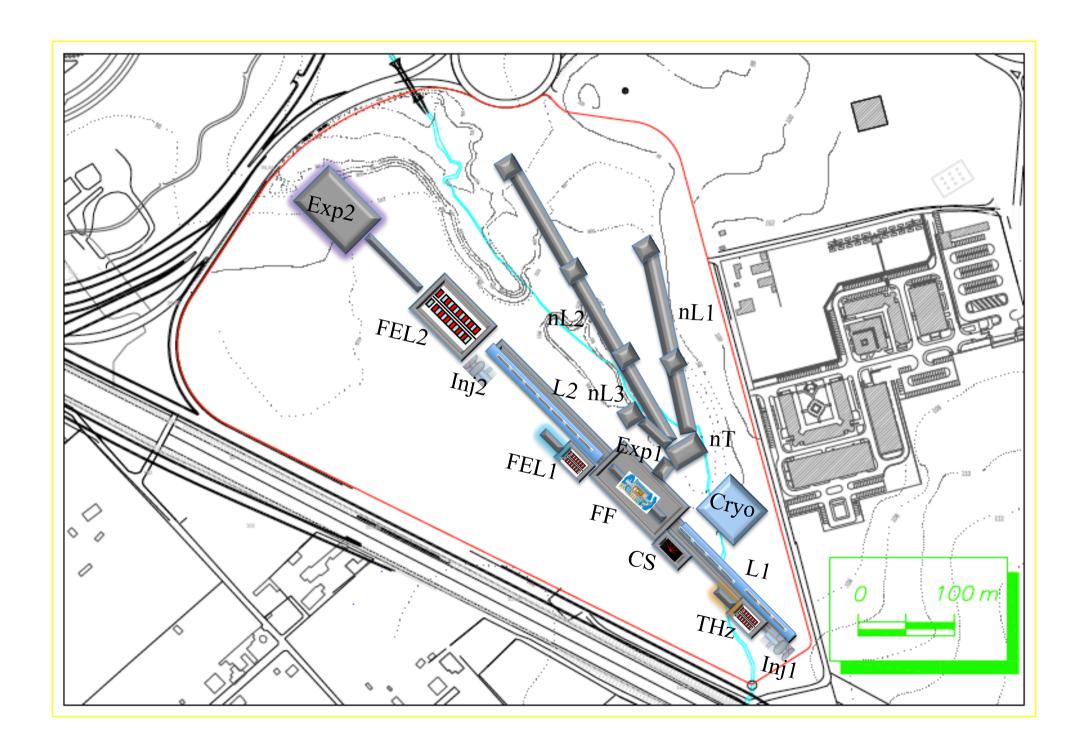
An Interdisciplinary Research Infrastructure based on Dual Electron linacs&lasers

#### A WHITE BOOK



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The scientific potential of IRIDE is far reaching and justifies the construction of such a large facility in Italy in synergy with the national research institutes and companies and in the framework of the European and international research. It will impact also on R&D work for ILC, FEL, and will be complementarity to other large scale accelerator projects. IRIDE is also intended to be realized in subsequent stages of development depending on the assigned priorities.



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Keywords: SC Linac, FEL, Particle Physics, Neutron source, Compton source, Advanced Accelerators Concepts

# Previous PAB report comments

#### 2. SPARC\_Lab

P. Mugli, L. Rivkin, J. Rossbach (SPARC\_LAB PAC), and L. Rolandi and U. Dosselli met with members of the SPARC\_LAB and discussed the SPARC-Lab status and plans.

During the past 6 months, SPARC\_Lab made impressive progress. Among others, simultaneous FEL operation at two different colors was established for the first time, based on the capability of SPARC to generate and manipulate two bunches with different energies simultaneously. For the Compton Backscattering source, both the electron and the photon beamlines were completed and the interaction

chamber installed. In parallel, the team was heavily involved in working out two project proposals. We acknowledge that the SPARC\_Lab program is now more focused in view of uniqueness of SPARC and the mission of the lab. In terms of the future program, it is mandatory to understand the role of SPARC\_Lab in two proposed projects, which rely heavily on the expertise of the team: a Compton-based Gamma-Source for ELI and IRIDE. Once any of these projects are approved, the SPARC\_Lab mission must be adapted accordingly. Generally speaking, we are delighted to see that SPARC\_Lab became a seed for two major project options for the lab.

We congratulate on the collaboration agreement with DESY and University of Hamburg on joint plasma acceleration research. This is an important step in establishing international collaboration on using SPARC.

As it was stressed previously, SPARC\_LAB represents a very exciting and attractive environment for the next generation as it covers cutting edge technologies from various fields such as lasers technology, accelerator physics, plasma science, RF technology, and digital controls. It is thus once more suggested to define a strong education program as an integrated part of the SPARC\_LAB, in collaboration with one or more university faculties. In this context we were disappointed to hear that only two out of the six PhD openings for accelerator physics at the University La Sapienza could be filled. This indicates that more efforts are needed, probably in earlier phases of university education.

#### 2.2 Recommendations

In view of running collaborations and attracting more of them, we remind once more of the need to publish a Technical Design Report and establish and maintain an adequate webpage.

It is necessary to define the program of BEATS2/Mammography more clearly, and it would be helpful to identify a stand alone profile. Proton acceleration should concentrate on external injection and post acceleration of an ultrashort proton bunch, which could be done only at a few places in the world. The scientific case of LIDAR should be strength. Flame: in order to make full and adequate profit of the laser hardware, the focusing technology (adaptive optics) deserved high priority because it determines the power density that can be directed onto a target.

