

IMPULSE





Operational Programme Competitiveness

Extreme Light Infrastructure – Nuclear Physics (ELI-NP) – Phase II Project co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund

Extreme Light Infrastructure – Nuclear Physics *Nuclear Physics and High Power Lasers*



Dr. Ovidiu Tesileanu on behalf of the ELI-NP team



ELI ERIC Polish Information Day The Henryk Niewodniczański Institute of Nuclear Physics, March 8th, 2023

ELI-NP Infrastructure

Operational since 2016

- Experiment building
- Office building
- Guest house
- Caffeteria
- Access control building

120,000 tons antivibration platform

Largest geothermal system in Europe ~ 6 MW Energy Globe National Award







2 x 10 PW High-Power Laser System





Over 32.000

sqm of built

area and

270.000 cubic

meters of air to

condition

2 x 10 PW + 1 x 1 PW Laser Beam Transport System

THALES

Laboratories and workshops









ELI-NP in a nutshell

Advanced studies in basic science ...

- characterization of laser-matter interaction with nuclear methods
- particle acceleration with high power lasers
- nuclear reactions in plasma
- photonuclear reactions, nuclear structure, exotic nuclei
- nuclear astrophysics and nucleosynthesis
- quantum electrodynamics
- ... and applications developing technologies for:
- medical applications (X-ray imaging, hadron therapy, radioisotopes generation)
- industrial applications (non-destructive studies with γ)
- material studies with positrons
- materials in high radiation fields

Our mission

- To produce science at the forefront of knowledge and generate innovation with important benefits for society;
- To attract best users from the international research community and engender a range of excellent scientific results;
- To act as a hotspot for science, innovation and development;
- To inspire younger generations and stimulate education and development.





Layout of the ELI-NP facility



ELI-NP High Power Laser System (HPLS)





<u>Unique system in the world</u>: power, intensity, number of beams, versatility and flexibility

- demonstrated power level 10 PW
- combination of 2 high power lasers

Premiere achievements:

- large Ti:Sapphire crystals 20 cm
- large compressor gratings meter size
- ATLAS pump lasers <u>100 J</u>
- 10 PW laser beam transport system
- 10 PW beam-dump

Laser Beam Transport System (LBTS) 10 PW

Final acceptance: December 2020

2 x 10 PW + 1 PW beams









HPLS + LBTS @ 10 PW – November 17, 2020

1,2

8,0 Spectrum 0,6 0,4

0,2

0

760

1

Inaugural 10 PW and User Symposium – Moving into Uncharted Territories

Live demonstration of 10 PW – over 200 participants online





Spectral characteristics



Spatial characteristics



Time characteristics





Implementation ⇒ **Operation** 2020-2023

Year	2021	2022			2023				2024				
Experiments	Apr.	Jul.	Oct.	Jan.	Apr.	Jul.	Oct.	Jan.	Apr.	Jul.	Oct.	Jan.	Apr.
100 TW Comm. Exp. E4 2020 Mar.													
1 PW Commissioning Exp. E5								•					
1 PW Commissioning Exp. E7													
10 PW Commissioning Exp. E1													
10 PW Commissioning Exp. E6													
Flagship Exp. (IMPULSE)								-					•
Commissioning experiments		► user 1 PW ► user 100 TW											
100 TW (E4): 2020-2022		Four-wave mixing in vacuum, in search of dark matter candidates X ray production through betatron emission											
1 PW (E5 & E7): 2022-2023		Benchmark TNSA proton acceleration Benchmark LWFA electron acceleration Optimization of high charge, stable electron acceleration											
10 PW solid target (E1): 202	3	Demonstrate extreme focal intensity through laser-γ conversion ("γ-flash") Demonstrate over 200 MeV proton acceleration (neutron generation add-on) Dense heavy ion beams for nuclear physics											
10 PW gas target (E6): 2023		10 PW laser wakefield acceleration of multi GeV electron beams											

Studies under Extreme Conditions







- Goals of commissioning experiments:
 - physics based validation of laser system performance
 - develop particle beams for nuclear and QED experiments and applications

100 TW Experimental area E4



E4: 100 TW



100 TW area infrastructures

- 2 interaction chambers in stainless steel (HV VE1 and UHV – VE2)
- 5 turning boxes
- 10 turbomolecular pumps (maglev), 1 cryo-pump
- Integrated control system, automatic / manual modes
- VE1 typical pump time: 60 mins; venting + opening: 45 mins
- Possibility to control the vacuum level up to 10⁻⁶ mbar
- Large soft-wall cleanroom equiv. ISO7
- Local Nd:YAG laser: ns pulses, max. 3J at 1064nm,
 1.3J at 532nm, 0.9 J at 355 nm

Large Optics available

- 6" flat mirrors w/ motorized mounts
- F = 1500mm off-axis parabola, AOI = 6.25°
- F = 520mm off-axis parabola, AOI = 7.5°

Other components for the setup

 movement stages and detectors, optical tables, optical diagnostics available on-site

https://users.eli-np.ro/experimental_facilities.php

First Experiments at 100 TW – 2020

Electron acceleration in gas jet & betatron X-ray emission



'Shadowgraphy' The image of the gas jet at the interaction with the 25 fs laser pulse

Gas: pure He or He + 2% N_2 Pressure: 10 - 20 bar

LWFA electron acceleration



Max Energy: < 2.5 J Pulse duration: ~ 25 fs Central wavelength ~ 810 nm Beam diameter: ~ 54 mm Laser pointing fluctuation: ~ ±7 µrad

Parabolic mirror: 1.5 m focal length (F# ~28) Spot size diameter: ~ 22 \pm 2 µm at FWHM Encircled energy: ~ 70% @ 1/e²

 $I_0 \sim 10^{19} \text{ W/cm}^2$

\rightarrow acceleration field of ~1 GV/cm







Dark Matter (Axion) Search at ELI-NP The Commissioning Experiment at E4



Search for resonance states at very low energies. There are theoretical rationales to expect sub-eV particles.

- Quasi-parallel colliding system (QPS) between two incident photons
- Signature is produced via the four-wave mixing process
- mixing two-color waves with different frequencies 1ω and $u\omega$ in advance of . focus
- **SAPPHIRES** collaboration (Search for Axion-like Particles via optical Parametric • effects with High Intensity laseRs in Empty Space):
 - Japan: **K. Homma** (Univ. Hiroshima) & students, S. Tokita (ICR Kyoto) ٠
 - Romania: LGED Experiments group, local PI Y. Nakamiya ٠
- Ongoing data analysis from the commissioning experiments in E4





Search for sub-eV axion-like resonance states via stimulated quasi-parallel laser collisions with the parameterization including fully asymmetric collisional geometry

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RECEIVED: August 23, 2022

ACCEPTED: October 13, 2022 Published: October 27, 2022 Search for sub-eV axion-like particles in a stimulated resonant photon-photon collider with two laser beams

based on a novel method to discriminate pressure-independent components

The SAPPHIRES collaboration

Physics

(IFIN-HH) 7125. Romania

DM search: Progress and Perspectives

- First beamtime (July-Aug 2021): tuning of the system, first background measurements
- Second beamtime (September-October 2021): 4wm background identified independent of vacuum level – search for ways of mitigation
- Third beamtime (Nov-Dec 2021): two mitigation methods for background implemented and tested with good results
- Fourth beamtime (Mar-Apr 2022): background characterization at 2mJ and 20mJ level, DM search measurements at 20mJ pulses
- Last beamtime (June-July 2022): DM search measurements with 20mJ pulses
- The **SAPPHIRES** collaboration will apply for continuation of the DM search experiments at the 10TW-100TW and then at 1PW areas at improved vacuum (UHV chamber in E4) / increased energy per pulse conditions









1 PW Experimental Area E5

E5: 1 PW



1 PW area infrastructures

- 1 main interaction chamber (C1) in Aluminium
- 2 turning boxes + 2 large chambers (**C2, C3**) in stainless steel
- 9 turbomolecular pumps (1 cryo-pump on demand may be possible)
- Integrated control system, automatic /manual modes
- C1 typical pump time: 90 mins; venting + opening: 60 mins
- Vacuum level up to 10⁻⁶ mbar
- Small soft-wall cleanroom equiv. ISO7

Large Optics available

- 12"x8" rectangular flat mirrors w/ motorized mounts
- F = 5000mm off-axis parabola, AOI = 45°
- F = 707mm off-axis parabola, AOI = 22.5°

Other components for the setup

 movement stages and detectors, optical tables, optical diagnostics available on-site

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The 1 PW TNSA results

Intensity on target: ~ 1 x10²¹ W/cm²



First operation in 2021

Ion acceleration from solid targets (P.I. M. Cernaianu)

- Thick and thin foils (e.g. Al, CH, DLC)
- F=710mm parabola
- Max. proton energy attained of 50 MeV with SPM
- Max. ion energy attained: carbon ion 15 MeV/n from DLC target with SPM

Shot parameters with plasma mirror

Laser beam power: 23.1 J, ~26 fs \rightarrow 880 TW Intensity on target: ~ 4 x10²¹ W/cm² Target: 1.5 µm Al foil



Radiochromic film stack Thomson parabola data

~ 30 MeV proton



Experimental setup





Proton density ~ 10³ protons /cm²

The 1 PW LWFA results



First operation in 2021

Electron acceleration in gas targets (P.I. P. Ghenuche)

- Gas jet target and gas cell from 2mm to 2 cm long
- SourceLab variable metal gas cell, fix 3D printed gas cell, 2 mm metal gas jet
- Pure He and admixture He +2% N₂ were used
- F=5000mm parabola
- Max. electron energy obtained with both Helium gas and admixture of ≈ 2 GeV
- Electron diagnostics: spectrometer (up to 3 GeV) 30 cm long dipole magnet with 3 cm gap and ~1 T B-field, and a Lanex screen

Experimental setup





Electron Beam Energy Spectra for pure He



Shadowgraphy and WFS (plasma channel)



1 PW Solid target experiment diagnostics





Main diagnostics:

- 16 RCF stacks
- TP Ion spectrometer: online LANEX readout or IP plates.
- Laser specular and back reflection energy measurement
- Specular and back reflected laser spectrum
- Laser near field (full aperture), Far field, Energy, Spectrum (pick-up) on-shot
- Plasma probing: Shadowgraphy, Interferometry
- Pulse duration (Laser bay and Experimental area)
- Temporal Contrast measurement



Multi – Target system:

32 targets loaded for a day of shooting

Microscope objective for target alignment and focal spot optimization

1 µm alignment precision

Al target foils mounted on holder

Before shot



After shot - exploded

1 PW Commissioning @1 Hz repetition rate using a tape target (E5) in the provided of the provi

TNSA experiment at high repetition rate

proton cut-off energy of about 7 MeV with a shot-to-shot energy

variation of $\pm 5\%$

Tape target system developed by RAL UKRI within the H2020 IMPULSE project tested at ELI-NP in collaboration with ELI Beamlines and STFC





mm/s

Laser beam produced hole



Image Plate

proton traces of 33 consecutive shots at 2 J laser energy delivered at 1 Hz proton traces of 7 consecutive shots at 20 J delivered at 1 Hz proton cut-off energy of about 25 MeV with a shot-to-shot energy variation of ±10%

Courtesy of Domenico Doria and Mihail Cernaianu

Commissioning of 10 PW experiments in E1 and E6





Large Optics

- 30 m focal spherical mirror
- 1.5 m short focal off-axis parabolas

The installation of the short focal mirror in E1 area is done along with full diagnostic benches

Preparation of 10 PW E1 interaction chamber



Near-Field on parabola

E1 chamber: short focal mirror







Preparation of 10 PW E1 interaction chamber





HPLS Near-field profile

10000

5000

0

Gray Value



First Experiments at 10 PW – 2023

TNSA regime : accelerating protons above 200 MeV expected by ISAB (theory ⇒ sub-GeV proton and 100s MeV/u light ions)

TNSA scaling law and state-of –the-art 10000 Revisited from -105f5 . 100s fs A.Macchi, M. Borghesi, M. Passoni, Maximum proton energy (MeV) Rev. Mod. Physics, 85, 751 (2013) 1000**⊨** 220 RALPW 100旨 ¬ RAL **RAL** Vulca RAL PWGemini RAL Vulcan RAL Vu 10 **Experiments** LOA Range expected to ● 300fs – 1ps be investigated by ♦ 100fs – 150ps ELI-NP 10 PW Tokyo ASTRA □ 40fs – 60fs Tokyo Simulations Tokvo D Yokohama nuclear physics 0.1 10¹⁸ 10¹⁹ 10²⁰ 10¹⁷ 10²¹ 10²² 10²³ 10¹⁶ 10²⁴ $1 \lambda^{2} \propto a_{0}^{2} (W \cdot cm^{2} \cdot \mu m^{2})$





Computed particle spectra at I=5x10²² W/cm² at ELI-NP 0.5 μm CH





ELI-NP Gamma Beam Experiments: Implementation status

ELIADE



Installed in E8 experimental area Ready for use – end of 2019



ELIGANT-TN

Installed in LP51 laboratory Ready for use

Physics Case:

- Nuclear Physics
 - Nuclear structure
 - Dipole response of nuclei
 - Pygmy and Giant Dipole Resonances
 - Photonuclear reactions cross sections
 - Nuclear astrophysics
 - Photofission and exotic nuclei



ELIGANT-GN

Installed in E9 experimental area Ready for use – end of 2019

ELISSA



Applications

- Industrial and medical imaging
- Medical Radioisotopes
- Material studies with positrons



Installed in LP51 laboratory Ready for use – end of 2019

ELI-NP Gamma Beam Experiments Implementation status



ELIBIC





mini eTPC

ELITHGEM



ELI IGISOL





Under development Development with GSI Prototype design – 2023

Installed in LP51 laboratory Built with U.Warsaw Ready for use

Under tests at ELI-NP Design ATOMKI, Debrecen Ready for use – 2023 Q4 Under tests at ELI-NP Design ATOMKI, Debrecen Ready for use – 2023 Q4



ELI-NP Gamma Beam Experiments Implementation status

PAES



CT and Radiography Applications



Installed in ERA experimental area Sigma Surface Science Germany Ready for use Installed in LP51 laboratory Motionlink Ltd. UK Ready for use – 2020 Q3

Collaboration with Polish groups within the gamma-

University of Warsaw (Prof. W. Dominik) – see presentation in afternoon session

- The collaboration was established with the start of the project
- The Univ. Warsaw team participated in the preparation of the TDR on charged-particle detection
- Joint project to design and construct the the mini-TPC detector for ELI-NP
- Design and construction of the ELITPC as in-kind contribution
- Nuclear astrophysics experiments at HIγS, Duke Univ. with the full scale prototype of the ELITPC



IFJ PAN (Prof. A. Maj) – see presentation in afternoon session

- Long-standing collaboration in studies of large-amplitude motion in atomic nuclei
- Joint participation in experiments in different laboratories
- The IFJ team took part in the first in-beam tests of the ELIGANT-TN detector

Joint project with University of Warsaw: The ELI-NP Time Projection Chamber

1. The ELI Time Projection Chamber (ELITPC) is a gaseous detector in which the gas acts at the same time as a target for the nuclear reaction and detection medium. It can be used to digitally reconstruct trajectories of particles as they translate through the active volume.



6. The information of each event for the U-V-W data is reconstructed into a 3D kinematic reconstruction, using ROOT. Bragg peak data is used for particle identification.

2. The active volume is 1000 cm³ and and uses 3 Gas Electron Multipliers to amplify the electron

3. Vertical reconstruction is done by adjusting electron drift speed.

4. The read-out anode is segmented into 3 planes, U-V-W with each plane having 72 channels.

5. When a trigger is detected, complex GET electronics are used to store the charge information from segmented anode and written in channel order as data file.

Joint project with University of Warsaw: The ELI-NP Time Projection Chamber

The ELITPC chamber, cage and detection system are built as in-kind contribution by Univ. Warsaw. The ELI-NP contributions are:

The ASAD boards represent the frontend GET electronics of the TPC.

- AGET chip: 64 channels, 100 MHz sampling with 512 time-cells of analog SCA memory per channel (capacitive charge storage for collected electron signal). adjustable gain & filtering per channel.
- 4 AGET chips on each ASAD board, together with an FPGA chip to handle the data flow and a parallel 4 channel ADC.
- each ASAD board can sample 256
 channels

While the miniTPC only uses one ASAD board, the future ELI-TPC will use 4 such boards. These boards will then interface with the CoBo DAQ board, which uses another FPGA to handle data flow from multiple boards and can output a processed ROOT file.

ASAD Boards

Recirculation Gas system

edirectation Ges System with KNF Pump 1 The ELI-NP Gas Recirculation System will allow the usage of different gases and mixtures, which can either be difficult to discard or are too expensive for one time use. The system has a buffer volume which is loaded from the gas supply, then this buffered gas is consinuously recirculated and filtered through the TPC system. This system is

indispensable for using exotic gases, which will enable exotic reactions to be studied. The Gas Recirculation System will be fully automated with its dedicated Slow Control interface and is designed to integrate with the future ELI-TPC.

Laboratory Support

Optics Laboratory (D. Ursescu) Bio Laboratory (M. Voda)

Target Laboratory (V. Leca)

A target laboratory support for fabrication and characterisation of solid targets

Dosimetry Laboratory (I. Mitu)

Personnel and area dose monitoring Radioprotection training

Laser Experiments Diagnostics Laboratory (V. Nastasa)

A laboratory support for testing and setting up diagnostics, and processing/analyzing detectors/films (e.g., CR39 etching)

http://www.eli-np.ro/labs.php

Target Laboratory Support

Capabilities:	Tools:
Fabrication of (ultra)thin/thick films (free- standing or supported)	RF/DC sputter deposition, e-beam evaporation, spin-coating, electro- chemical synthesis.
Micro/nano-structuring (gratings, nanoparticles, nano-wires, nano-pillars, low density (porous) materials	Electron-Beam Lithography, photolithography, Reactive Ion Etching, Ar-ion milling, chemical methods
Characterization (Surface characterization, elemental composition, morphology and topography, roughness, interface analysis)	X-ray diffraction, Atomic Force Microscopy, Scanning Electron Microscopy with Energy-Dispersive X- Ray Spectroscopy and Electron Backscatter Diffraction, optical profilometry and microscopy
Surface treatments	Thermal treatments, polishing, surface reconditioning, plasma surface cleaning
Micromechanical and micro assembly	Wafers cutting, targets frames, micromachining

http://www.eli-np.ro/target_lab.php

X-ray Imaging Laboratory

Head of laboratory: Eng. Nicoleta Safca Focuses on: development of a laser-based low-dose interferometric breast imaging, towards an improved modality of breast cancer screening, and more sensitive and precise X-ray image guidance in radiotherapy.

Dose=0.53 mGv

CNR=2.0

Dose=0.32 mGy

CNR=1.8

- located in the E3 room of the experimental building vibration damping, control of humidity and temperature, and radioprotection infrastructure.
- main asset a large radioprotection room (8600 mm x 6000 mm x 2200 mm) designed and equipped for high-sensitivity X-ray phasecontrast imaging experiments.
- the work of the team in this laboratory is dedicated to the development of X-ray diagnostics for laser-target interaction, biomedical X-ray imaging applications, industrial applications, fundamental science, and experiments for X-ray optics.

5.7 m long X-ray interferometer at ELI-NP X-ray Imaging Laboratory

16x40s=640s 1 Dose=3.42 mGy D CNR=5.5 C

16x20s=320s 16x10s=160s Dose=1.71 mGy Dose=0.85 mGy CNR=3.3 CNR=2.6 Attenuation (Transmission)

750 μm fibril mimicking early-stage breast cancer N Safca et al 2022 Phys. Med. Biol.

https://www.eli-np.ro/xray_lab.php

- Experiments at ELI-NP show potential of phase contrast with long interferometers;
- Much more sensitive and precise imaging using much reduced dose;
- Potential for very high and near term medical impact;
- Result obtained with conventional X-ray tube and hundreds of seconds image acquisition time; 0.01-1 s needed for clinical imaging;
- Laser-based X-ray sources can provide the ultraintense, directional, and spatially coherent Xray beams ideal for phase contrast ("table-top synchrotron")

First User Call – June 2022

Common Call with ELI ERIC

Access Agreement / Terms&Conditions Period: October 2022 – March 2023 ELI-NP 17 proposals: 6 @ 100 TW & 11 @ 1 PW

ELI-NP Program Advisory Committee (PAC)

On-site Meeting: 3-4 October 2022

Peter Thirolf (Chair)	Technische Universität München
Leonida Gizzi	INO-CNR Pisa
Karl Krushelnick	CUOS - University of Michigan
Paul McKenna	University of Strathclyde, Glasgow
Akifumi Yogo	ILE, Osaka University
Victor Malka	Weizmann Institute of Science
Antonino di Piazza	Max-Planck Institut für Kernphysik

ELI-NP PAC Recommendations

Grade A: 1 @ 100	0 TW, 2 @ 1 PW
Grade A-:	2 @ 100 TW, 4 @ 1 PW
Grade B:	3 @ 100 TW, 5 @ 1 PW

E4 (100 TW beam)	Accent Pro 2000 s.r.l.	Romania
E4 (100 TW beam)	ELI-NP/IFIN-HH	Romania
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E4 (100 TW beam)	Victor Babes National Institute of Pathology	Romania
E4 (100 TW beam)	University of Oxford	UK
E4 (100 TW beam)	Advanced Science and Engineering, Hiroshima University	Japan
E5 (1 PW beam)	AOYAMA GAKUIN UNIVERSITY	Japan
E5 (1 PW beam)	ILE, Osaka University	Japan
E5 (1 PW beam)	CELIA, Talence	France
E5 (1 PW beam)	CLPU, Villamayor	Spain
E5 (1 PW beam)	INRS	Canada
E5 (1 PW beam)	INO-CNR, Pisa	Italy
E5 (1 PW beam)	Moscow Engineering Physics Institute	Russia
E5 (1 PW beam)	Soreq NRC, Yavne	Israel
E5 (1 PW beam)	Tata Institute of Fundamental Research	India
E5 (1 PW beam)	TU Darmstadt, GSI	Germany
E5 (1 PW beam)	Institute of Plasma Physics and Laser Microfusion, Warsaw	Poland

• User portal and user safety training (online) developed within IMPULSE project

- 10 PW laser system fully operational on all outputs
- 10 PW LBTS successfully commissioned
- Laser experimental areas E4 (100 TW) and E5 (1 PW) installed and commissioned
 - First results confirm expectations
- Commissioning of 10 PW experimental area E1 ongoing, and E6 coming soon
- User experiments first call for users October 2022 May 2023, ongoing at 1PW
- Second user access call with ELI ERIC ongoing, deadline March 24th for ELI-NP

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Extreme Light Infrastructure-Nuclear Physics (ELI-NP) - Phase II

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