

CHALLENGES FOR NUCLEAR PHYSICS RESEARCH AT THE ADVANCED GAMMA BEAM SYSTEM OF ELI–NP



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Extreme Light Infrastructure in a Nutshell



Extreme Light Infrastructure

Pan–European Research Center



Infrastructure: distributed over three complementary pillars (CZ, HU, RO) – <u>user facilities</u>

Strategy: first ESFRI project to be fully implemented in newer EU member states







Nuclear Physics research with extreme electromagnetic fields

Host for two major systems

Based on the National Physics Platform in Magurele (Bucharest)

2 x 10 PW High–Power Lasers System



Thales Optronique

High Brilliance Gamma Beam System





Extreme Light Infrastructure – Nuclear Physics

Existing GAN Exp. Area

> Low energy (LIBAT



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Nuclear Physics

Nuclear Photonics

Nuclear Resonance Fluorescence Photo–fission & Exotic Nuclei Photo–disintegration and Nucle

Laser Ion driven nuclear physic

Laser–Target interaction charac

Nuclear Physics diagnostics to

Laser–Target interaction characteristics

Applications

based on high intensity laser and very brilliant © beams complementary to the other ELI pillars

complementary to other ESFRI Large Scale Nuclear Physics Facilities (FAIR, SPIRAL2)



Hadrid

CIME Cyclo

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ELI–NP Implementation Timeline





ELI–NP –Building Status







White Book \implies Day–1 Experiments

Towards TDR of experiments with intense laser beams at ELI-NP June 27-28, 2013 – Bucharest-Magurele (Romania)

Towards TDR of experiments with brilliant gamma-ray beams at ELI-NP July 25-26, 2013 – Bucharest-Magurele (Romania)

- building the main working groups
- conveners and local liaisons

<u>ELI-NP TDRs at Midway – High Power Laser March 16-17, 2014 – Bucharest-</u> Magurele (Romania)

ELI-NP TDRs at Midway – SystemGamma Beam System March 16-17, 2014 – Bucharest-Magurele (Romania)

- added new working groups
- applied physics

ELI-NP Science Program and Instruments: Technical Design Reports February 18-20, 2015 – Bucharest-Magurele (Romania)

- final TDRs
- definition of the experimental setups

June 2015 – Scientific evaluation of the TDRs by ISAB

The High–Power Lasers System







HPLS architecture

- dual front—end
- two arms

2 x 10 PW

- → 6 outputs
 - 2 x 0.1 PW 10Hz
 - 2 x 1 PW 1Hz
 - 2 x 10 PW 0.1Hz

Provided by THALES Optronique & Thales Romania

ELI–NP HPLS Parameters



This refers to the Sub-Systems Specifications of the HPLS laser 10PW outputs #01 and #02.

Requirement # (i=1,2)	Parameter	Performance
HPLS - 10PW #0i REQ-1	Peak Power	≥ 10 PW +/- 10%
HPLS - 10PW #0i REQ-2	Central wavelength	In the range of 700-1000 nm
HPLS - 10PW #0i REQ-3	Pulse energy	Together with the pulse duration shall correspond to the proposed peak power
HPLS - 10PW #0i REQ-4	Pulse duration	≤ 50 fs
HPLS - 10PW #0i REQ-5	Repetition rate	10 Hz
HPLS - 10PW #0i REQ-6	Strehl Ratio	≥ 0.9
HPLS - 10PW #0i REQ-7	Intensity contrast (ns range)	≥ 1:10 ¹³
HPLS - 10PW #0i REQ-8	Intensity contrast (ps range)	≥ 1:10 ¹³
HPLS -10PW #0i REQ-9	Pointing Stability	≤ 2 µrad
HPLS - 10PW #0i REQ-10	Pulse Energy stability	≤ 5% rms
HPLS - 10PW #0i REQ-11	Laser system synchronization	≤ 200 fs
HPLS - 10PW #0i REQ-12	Warm Up Time	≤ 3 h

~ 250 J

~ 25 fs

Intensity ~10²⁴ W/cm²



Convener: M. Roth (TUD)

ELI-NP Liaison: F. Negoita (IFIN-HH)

- 1. Nuclear fusion reactions from laser-accelerated fissile ion beams P. Thirolf (LMU) Goal: Production of nuclei around rich N~126 waiting point et al.
- 2. Nuclear (de-)excitations induced by lasers F. Hannachi (CENBG/IN2P3) *et al.* Goal: Observation of NEET/NEEC processes in plasma. Changes in nuclear T_{1/2}
- 3. Nuclear reactions in laser plasma S. Tudisco (LNS/INFN) et al. Goal: Understanding screening effect in plasma conditions
- 4. Neutron production and other applications
 4.1 Hot plasma confinement for high flux neutron generation
 S. Moustaizis (TU.Crete) et al.
 4.2 Neutron production in light ion reactions
 S. Kar (QUB), J.Fuchs (LULI) et al.
 4.3 Muon-source and muon catalysed fusion
 S.R.Mirfayzi, S.Kar (QUB)



Laser Driven Nuclear Physics



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Astrophysics – Study of screening factor – The method and cases



D.C. Carrol et al., New J. of Phys. 12 (2010) 045020

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The method requires measuring high energy neutrons

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System with outstanding key features

high peak brilliance (>10²¹ ph/s \cdot mm² \cdot mrad² \cdot 0.1%bwd), high spectral density (> 0.5 \cdot 10⁴ ph/s \cdot eV), tunable energy (0.2 – 19.5 MeV), quasi-monochromatic (relative bandwidth < 0.5%), high degree of linear



ELI–NP Gamma Beam System Concept





- THE SOLUTION: Inverse Compton Scattering of laser pulses on relativistic electron pulses
 - high intensity / small emittance e⁻
 beam from a warm LINAC
 - very brillant high rep./rate int. laser
 - small collision volume



ELI–NP Gamma Beam System





Provider – EuroGammaS Association

Academic Institutions INFN (Italy), Sapienza University (Italy), CNRS (France) Industrial Partners ACP Systems (France), ALSYOM(France), COMEB (Italy), ScandiNova Systems (Sweden)



... and sub - contractors

Academic Institutions STFC (UK), ALBA Cell (Spain)

Industrial Partners

Amplitude Systems (France), Amplitude Technologies (France), Cosylab (Slovenia), Danfysik (Denmark), Instrumentation Technologies (Slovenia), M&W Group (Italy), Research Instruments (Germany), Toshiba (Japan)

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Gamma Beam System Layout





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ELI–NP Gamma Beam Features



0.2 – 19.5
> 0.5·10 ⁴
≤ 0.5
≤ 2.6·10 ⁵
≤ 8.3·10 ⁸
10 – 30
25 – 200
10 ²⁰ – 10 ²³
0.7 – 1.5
> 95
100
32
16

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Low–energy stage: E_γ < 3.5 MeV March 2017

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ELI–NP Gamma Beam Features



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Energy (MeV)	0.2 – 19.5
Spectral Density (ph/s·eV)	> 0.5·10 ⁴
Bandwidth rms (%)	≤ 0.5
# photons per pulse within FWHM bdw.	≤ 2.6·10 ⁵
# photons/s within FWHM bdw.	≤ 8.3·10 ⁸
Source rms size (µm)	10 – 30
Source rms divergence (µrad)	25 – 200
Peak brilliance (N _{ph} /sec·mm ² ·mrad ² ·0.1%)	10 ²⁰ – 10 ²³
Radiation pulse length rms (ps)	0.7 – 1.5
Linear polarization (%)	> 95
Macro repetition rate (Hz)	100
# pulses per macropulse	32
Pulse-to-pulse separation (nsec)	16

Two stage system:
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K.Dupraz et al., Phys.Rev. STAB 17 (2014) 033501

Gamma Beam Experiments



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Photonuclear Reactions

- **Nuclear Resonance Fluorescence**
- Photodisintegration, Photofission •
- **Photoactivation** •

Fundamental Research

- Germany, France, Italy, USA, Japan, Hungary, Poland, Vietnam, • Nuclear Resonance Fluorescence $(\gamma, \gamma \Box)$ (A.Zilges U.Cologne, ζ
- Switzerland, UK, Russia, Israel, India, Bulgaria, Turkey, Finland, Nuclear Astrophysics (γ,p) (γ,α) (M.Gai U.Conn, O.Tesile
- Photonuclear Reactions (γ,n) (H.Utsunomiya <u>μ</u>
- Photofission&Studies of Exotic Nuclei

D.L.Balabanski)

Applications

- Gamma
- Material
- Medical R

R&D Gamma

dagnostics Detectors

Gamma Beam Delivery and Diagnostics (H.Weller U.Duke, C.A.Ur)



Electromagnetic dipole response of nuclei



- Photoresponse of weakly abundant p–nuclei and actinides
- Rotational 2+ states of the nuclear scissor modes
- Pygmy Dipole Resonances
- Γ_0 and Γ/Γ_0 measurements

Access to nuclear observables - model independent

- Excitation Energy E_r
- Spin and parity J, π
- Decay Energies E_{γ}
- Partial Widths Γ_i/Γ₀
- Multipole Mixing δ
- Decay Strengths B(πλ)
- Level Width r (eV)



Separation threshold



New Discovery Frontiers for NRF at ELI–NP



Availability frontier

- access to rare isotopes
- photoresponse of weakly abundant p-nuclei and actinides



Sensitivity frontier

- weak channels
- rotational 2+ states of the nuclear scissor modes









Precision frontier

high statistics

 Γ_0 and Γ/Γ_0 measurements



Instrumentation:

- **ELIADE = ELI**-NP Array of **DE**tectors
- 8 x TIGRESS type Clover detector (*segmented*) with back–catcher (ε_{ph} ~ 6%)
- 4 x 3"x3" LaBr₃(Ce) detectors
- Digital DAQ

Flats

Tapers



CAD : C.Petcu and E.Udup



back–catcher passive shield passive shield

The ELIADE Array – Background Reduction





• 511 keV from positrons annihilation

Segmented Clover detectors + digital DAQ

- Reduce the 511 keV background
- Distinguish events from different pulses of gamma beam
- Eliminate pile-up events



HlγS @ Duke U.

- Relative bandwidth ~ few percent
- Spectral density ~ 10² ph/s/eV

ELI–NP @ Magurele

- Relative bandwidth ~ few per mille
- Spectral density ~ 10⁴ ph/s/eV





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Gamma Beam Collimator System



Main requirements are:

- Low transmission of gamma photons (high density and atomic number)
- Continuously adjustable aperture (to adjust the energy bandwidth in the entire energy range)
- Avoid contamination of the primary beam with production of secondary radiation



Collimation aperture varies from 20 mm to less than 1 mm, depending on the beam energy



Tungsten slits – 20 mm thick

14 independent slits with 25.7° relative angle



Gamma Beam Collimator System





CAIN code for ICS

L.Serafini, I.Drebot

Nuclear Astrophysics



- Molecular states and symmetries in light nuclei
- Astrophysics interest radiative capture reaction cross section measurements
 from photodisintegration reactions (advantage – minimizing systematic errors)
 - ¹⁶O(γ,α)¹²C, ²⁴Mg(γ,α)²⁰Ne,
 ²²Ne(γ,α)¹⁸O, ¹⁹F(γ,α)¹⁸O,
 ²¹Ne(γ,α)¹⁷O





U.Warsaw C.Mazzocchi – yesterday talk

Instrumentation:

- eTPC (35x20x20 cm³)
- Large–area Si DSSD array





INFN LNS Catania

Gamma Above n Threshold

- Studies of GDR and PDR decay (⁹⁰Zr, ²⁰⁸Pb)
- Studies of spin–flip M1 resonances
 - combine with information from (γ, γ□)
 (e.g. polarization)
 - γ decay to g.s and ex. states as a function of excitation energy





Instrumentation:

- LaBr₃(Ce) / CeBr₃ array (34 or 68))
 high–energy gamma rays
- ⁶Li–glass detectors and NE213 liquid scintillator array (34)
 - neutrons



INFN and U. Milano

Gamma Above n Threshold



- Production & Destruction of rare p–nuclei
 - $^{139}La(\gamma, n)$ ^{138}La & $^{138}La(\gamma, n)$ ^{137}La
 - ¹⁸¹Ta(γ,n)¹⁸⁰Ta & ¹⁸⁰Ta^m(γ,n)¹⁷⁹Ta



Nuclear Physics

Gamma Above n Threshold

- Absolute (γ,n) cross section measurements,
 e.g. p–process nucleosynthesis related
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Instrumentation:

- ³He neutron counter array
 - Embedded in polyethylene
 - 3 rings + 'flat' efficiency response



Konan U.



Photofission



- Studies in the 2nd and 3rd minimum of the fission barrier: measurement of transmission resonances, angular and mass distributions of the fragments
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P.G.Thirolf and D.Habs, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 49, 245 (2002)

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Instrumentation:

- System of multi-target Frisch-gridded twin ionization chambers and DSSD detectors
- Array of 12 x THGEM detectors ATOMKI, Debrecen







Photofission and Exotic Nuclei









Photofission and Exotic Nuclei



ALTO, ARIEL, etc.







IGISOL Setup



β-decay studies at the IGISOL beam line :

Emphasis on refractory elements that can be separated with the IGISOL technique;



GSI, IPNO, JYFL, ...

- Test of the SM around the doubly-magic ¹³²Sn;
- Studies of the onset and fading away of deformation in the A = 100 Sr–Zr region;
- Studies of collective excitations in the A = 150 deformed region;
- Studies of octupole excitations in Sm-Nd nuclei.

Summary



- a new nuclear physics research facility is being constructed at Bucharest
 - systems with features beyond state-of-the-art
 : HPLS and GBS
 - → many new research opportunities and challenges
 - nuclear physics
 - Laser Driven Nuclear Physics
 - combined laser–gamma
 - NRF, photofission, photodissociation
 - → job opportunities
 - open positions: post-docs, junior researchers, senior researchers, engineers, PhD research assistants
 - http://www.eli-np.ro/jobs.php





Extreme Light Infrastructure - Nuclear Physics (ELHNP) - Phase I Project co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund

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Materials in Extreme Environments

Convener: Marilena Tomut (GSI)

ELI-NP Liaison T. Asavei

- * Testing of new materials for accelerator components
 - materials at fast energy deposition & mixed radiation fields
 - laser induced shock waves
 - laser modification of materials
- * Evaluation of high energy ionizing radiation effects in materials

Irradiation of components for space radiation studies

- * Biological science research
 - radiation effects on bio-molecules & cells
- * Testing and developments of detectors
- * Irradiated optical components testing, Materials for fusion energy systems

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Photogun Laser

TDR – arXiv:1407.3669 [physics.acc-ph]

ELI–NP – Experimental Building Layout

Platform supported on dampers

Cryogenic Stopping Cell

50% efficiency, 5 ms extraction time at a rate of ~ 10⁷ ions/s

technical design at GSI, Darmstadt

He gas @ 70 K pressure 300 mb and 10 mb > 100 V/sm DC field RF carpet

Gamma Beam Industrial Applications

Non-destructive Inspection

Active interrogation – Nuclear resonance fluorescence

- Nuclear waste management
- Cargo screening/Material identification
- Origin of objects
- Metal count in food and in plants
- Density screening in ill tissues

High resolution imaging – Radiography

- Test quality of industrial objects (engines faults, steel quality)
- Test strength of sinterization/welding
- Phase distribution
- Diffusion

Gamma Beam Industrial Applications

Active interrogation – Nuclear resonance fluorescence

- ✓ High intensity gamma beam and small bandwidth
- ✓ Tunable energy
- ✓ High efficiency detector array ELIADE

Two experimental methods will be carried out:

- Scattering NRF Standard Method in Nuclear Physics Study
- Self-absorption/Transmission NRF (proposed by Bertozzi in 2005) Main interest in SNM control management

Gamma Beam Industrial Applications

Industrial Radiography and Tomography

- Two tomography tables with biaxial movement and rotation
- Various collimators with collimation holes between 0.2 mm and 5 mm.
- High volume detector for pencilbeam
- 2D detector for conebeam: CCD based gamma-ray camera or 2D flat panel

- Implementation: 2015 -2017
- Operation: 2018

The ELI-NP e⁺ factory

Production method

- (γ, e⁺e⁻) reaction;
- circular polarized γ -beam
- $I_{\gamma} = 2.4 \times 10^{10} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- *E_γ*< 3.5 MeV
- W converter

Estimated e+ beam parameters

- moderated e⁺ intensity 1.9×10⁶ s⁻¹
- degree of e⁺ spin polarization 31%

Spectrometers

- PALS Positron Annihilation Lifetime Spectroscopy
- CDBS Coincidence Doppler Broadening Spectroscopy
- **TOF–PAES** Positron annihilation initiated
 - Auger Electron Spectroscopy
- GiPALS Gamma induced PALS

Gamma Beam Diagnostics

INFN Ferrara