

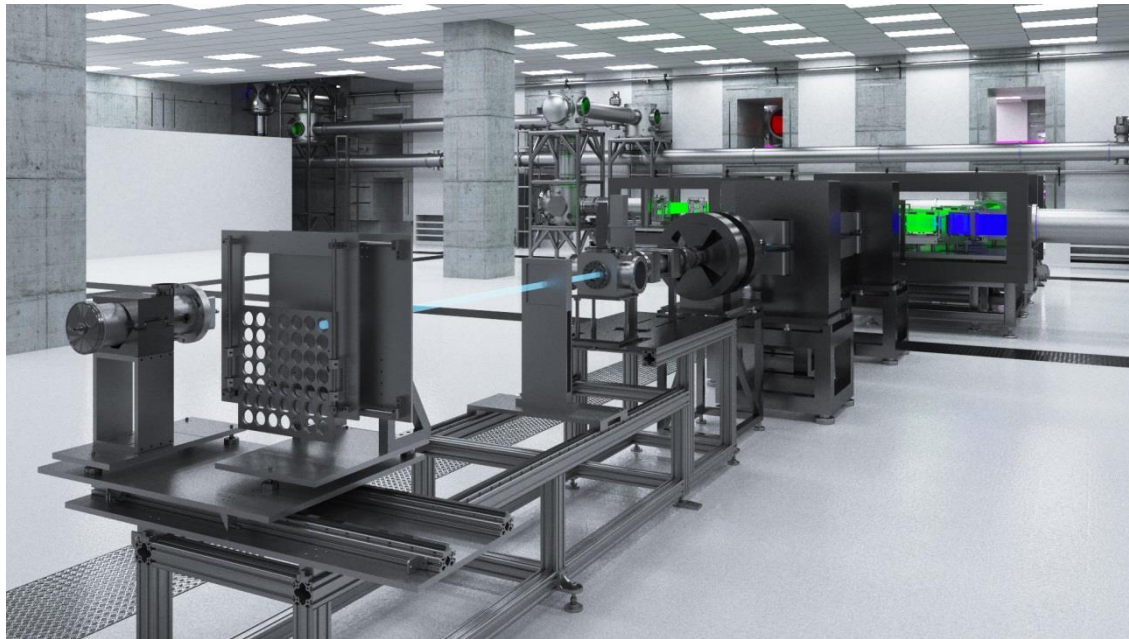
# Safety Challenges of Biological Applications at High Power Laser Accelerators

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# ELI Beamlines facility in Prague

- 4 major high power laser systems (up to 10PW).
- 8 main workstations under development in 5 target areas.
- Electron and ion acceleration, X-ray and plasma physics stations.
- Independently operated and driven by all laser systems via beam transport.
- Construction completed – technology to be installed – operation: end of 2018.





## Laser Building

Cryogenic systems, power supply cooling, auxiliary systems

**Support Rooms**  
First Floor

**L1** 100 mJ / 1kHz

**L2** 1PW / 20 J / 10 Hz

**L3** PW / 30 J / 10 Hz

**L4** 10 PW / 1.5 kJ

**Lasers**  
Ground Floor

**E1** Material & Bio-molecular Applications

**E2** X-ray Sources

**E3** Plasma Physics

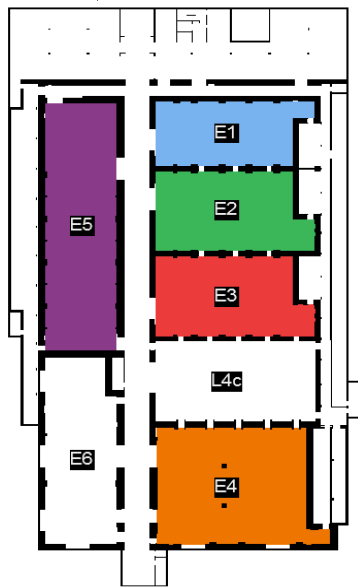
**L4c** Compressor

**E4** ELIMAIA Ion Acceleration

**Experimental Halls**  
Basement

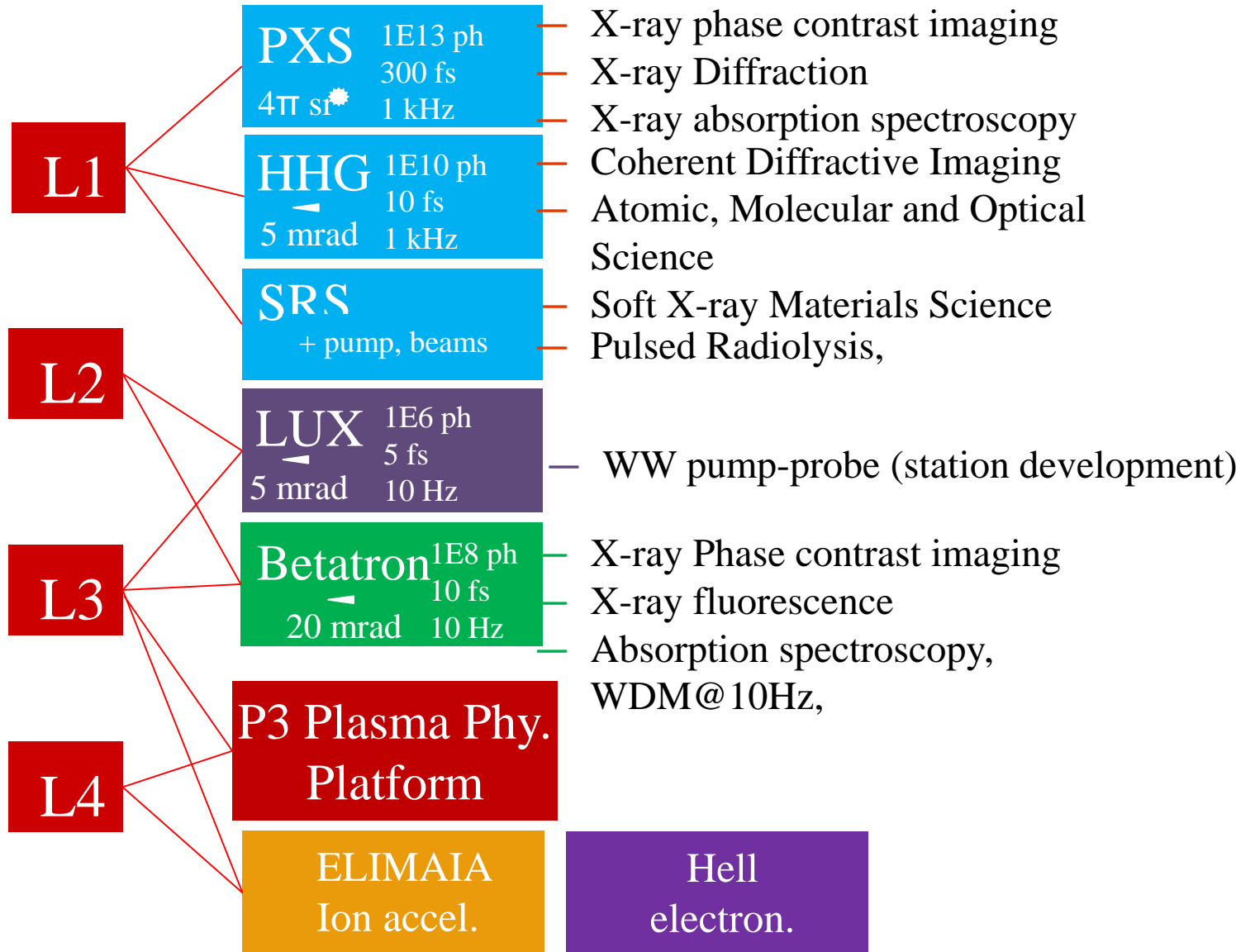
**E5** Electron and Photon Sources

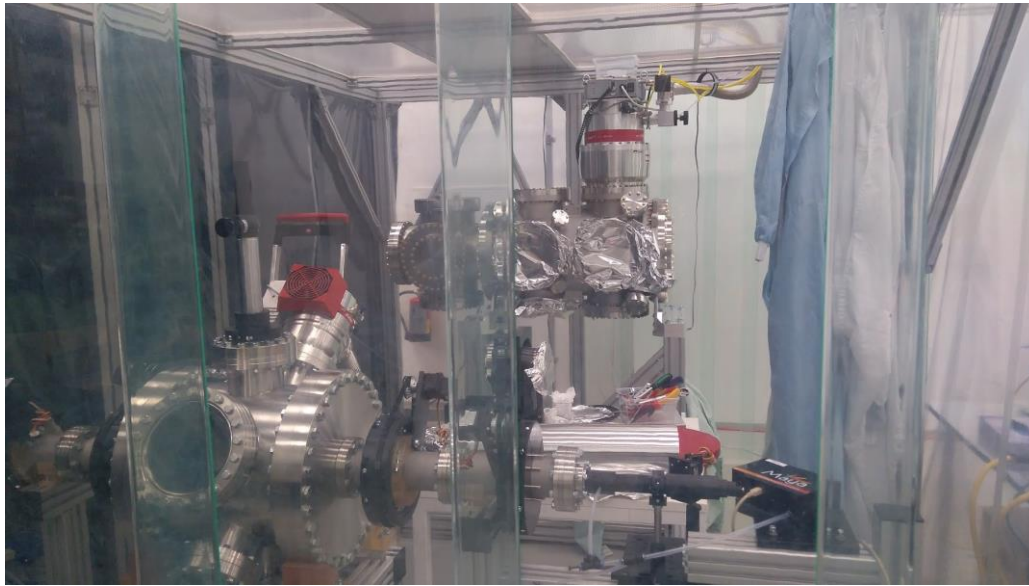
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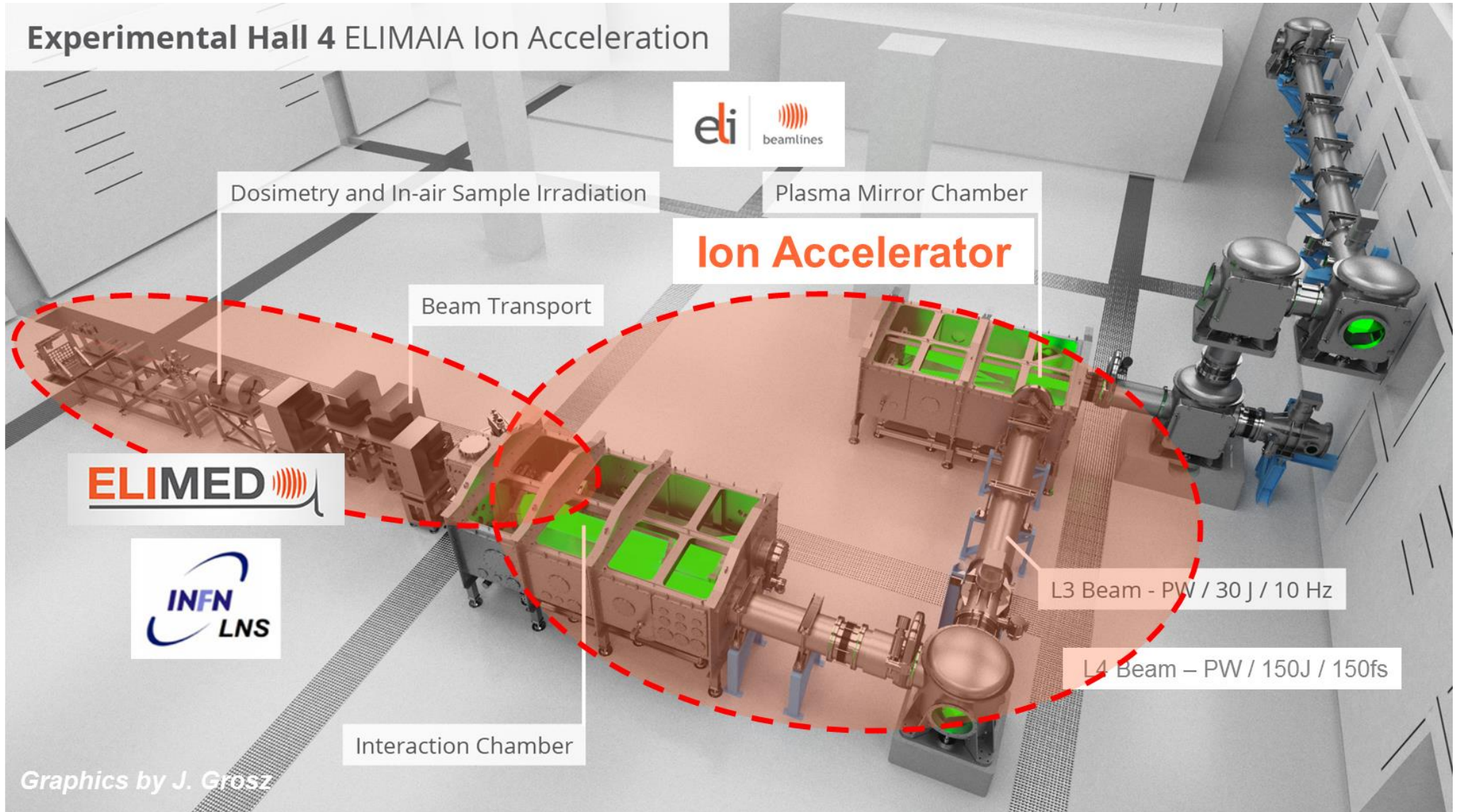
## What users get

## end-stations





- **Research Program 4:**
  - Coherent Diffractive Imaging (CDI)
  - Study of biochemical processes
- **Research Program 3:**
  - ELIMAIA (p<sup>+</sup> and ion acceleration)
- **ELIBIO:**
  - New project for study of processes in biological systems



## Anticipated users at ELI-Beamlines

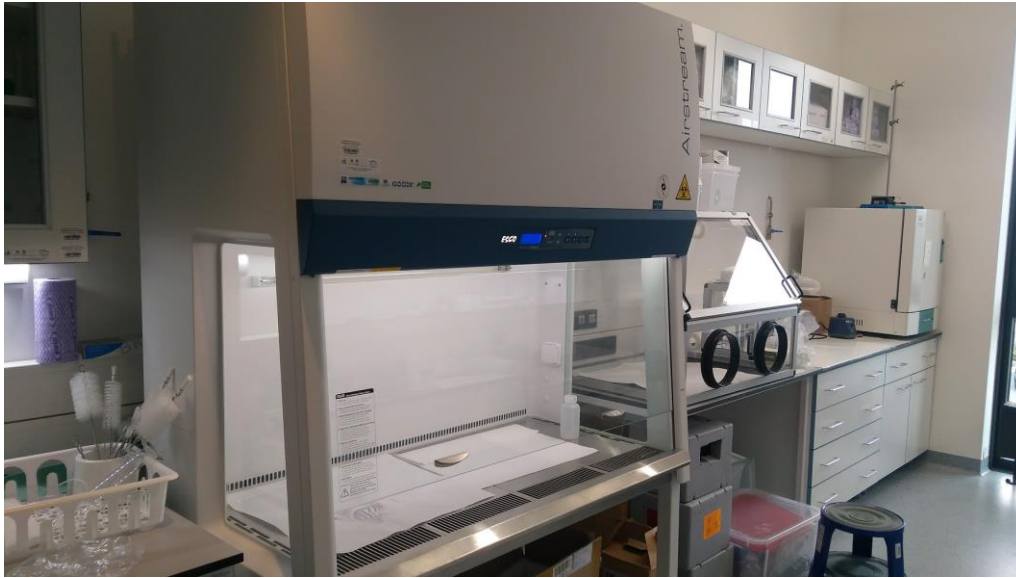
### What users (will) get

Ion Beam Features (PW)	Enabling Experiments	Flagship Experiments
Energy range	3-60 MeV/u	3-300 MeV/u
Ion No. / laser shot	$>10^9$ (0.1 nC) in 10% BW	$>10^{10}$ (1 nC) in 10% BW
Bunch duration	1-10 ns	0.1-10 ns
Energy spread	$\pm 5\%$	$\pm 2.5\%$
Divergence	$\pm 0.5^\circ$	$\pm 0.2^\circ$
Ion Spot Size	0.1-10 mm	0.1-10 mm
Repetition rate	0.01-1 Hz	0.01-10 Hz

- **In vitro and in vivo radiation biology** with short ion bunches
- Radiation chemistry (**pulsed radiolysis** of water)
- Innovative approaches to **hadrontherapy**
- Radio-isotopes for **PET**
- Proton/Ion **Acceleration** at high rep. rate (short and long pulse)
- Pitcher-catcher nuclear reactions (e.g. **neutrons**)
- **PIXE** analysis for cultural heritage
- Time-resolved **Proton Radiography** of dense objects
- Space Radiation for testing **space-grade electronics**

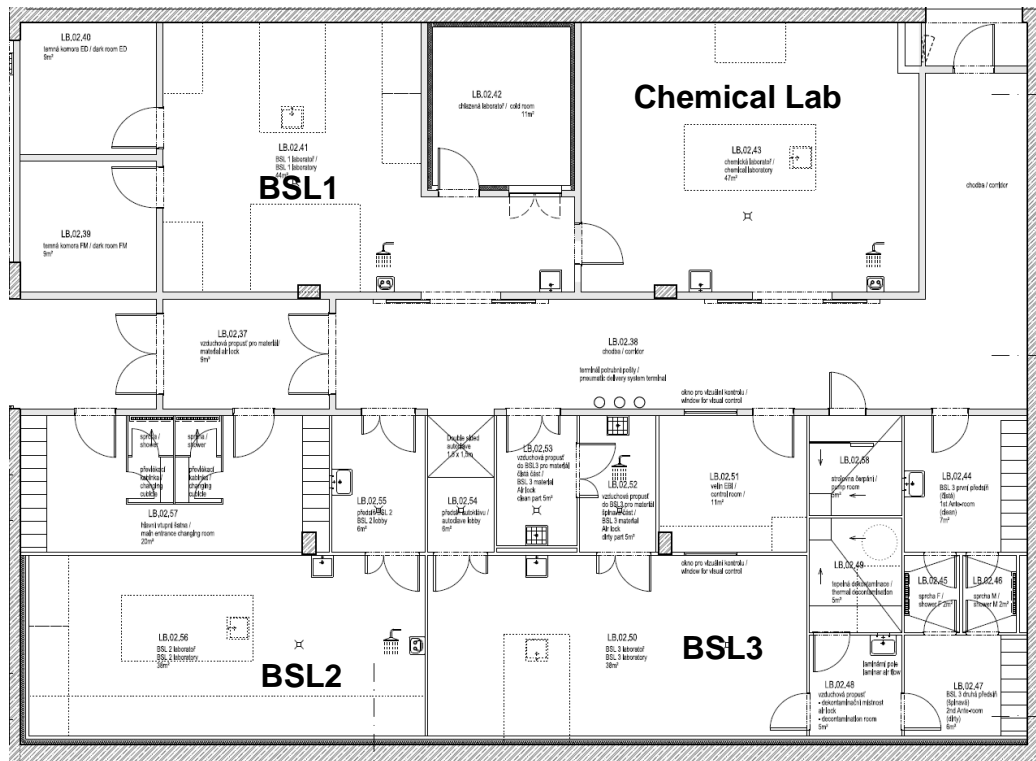


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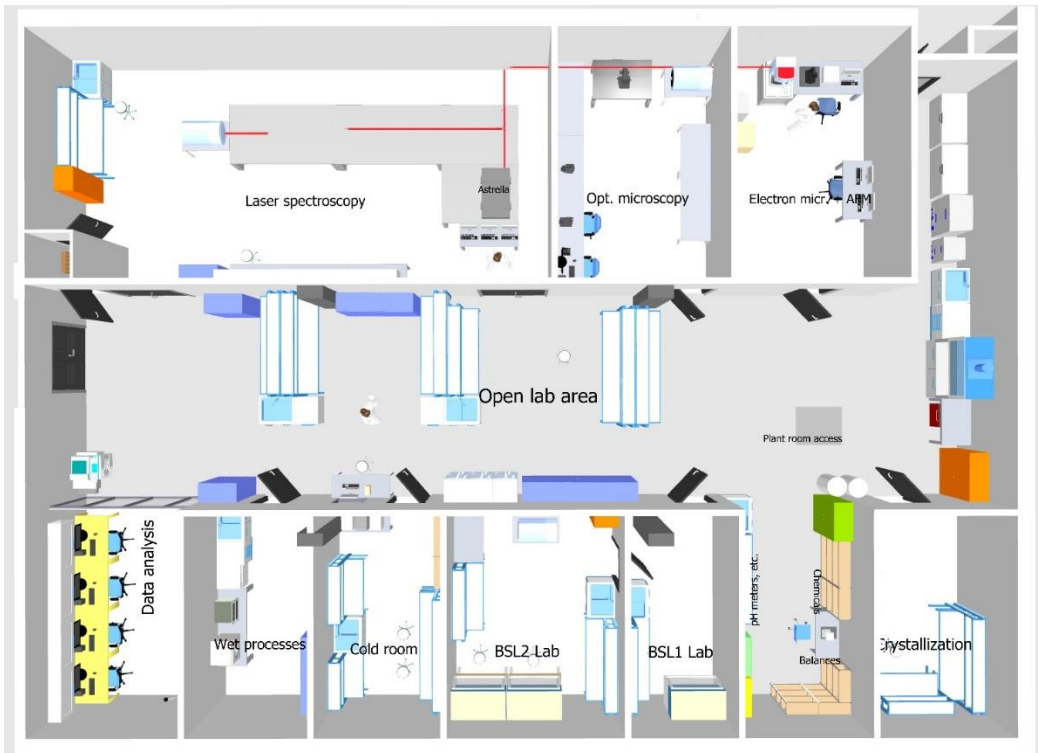
- Biochemical Laboratory (BSL1)
- Planned up to BSL3 facilities
- BSL1 and BSL2 implementation in progress – with electron microscopy capabilities
- Bio-hutches at the beamlines (mobile or solid)
  
- Planned up to BSL3 beamlines for liquid and aerosol handling (suspended from budgetary reasons)

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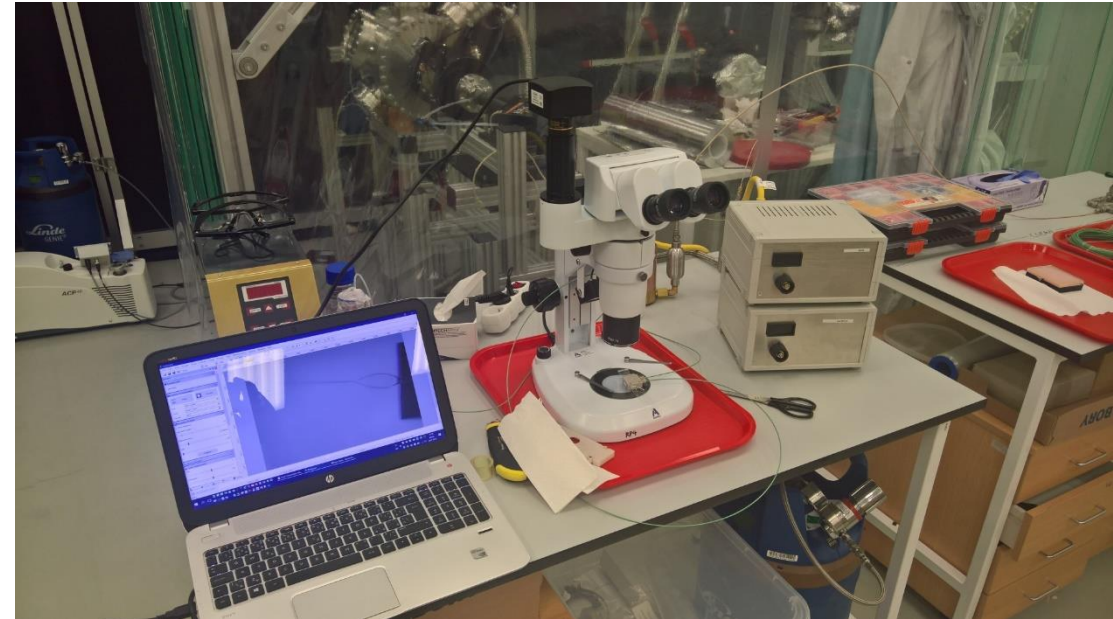
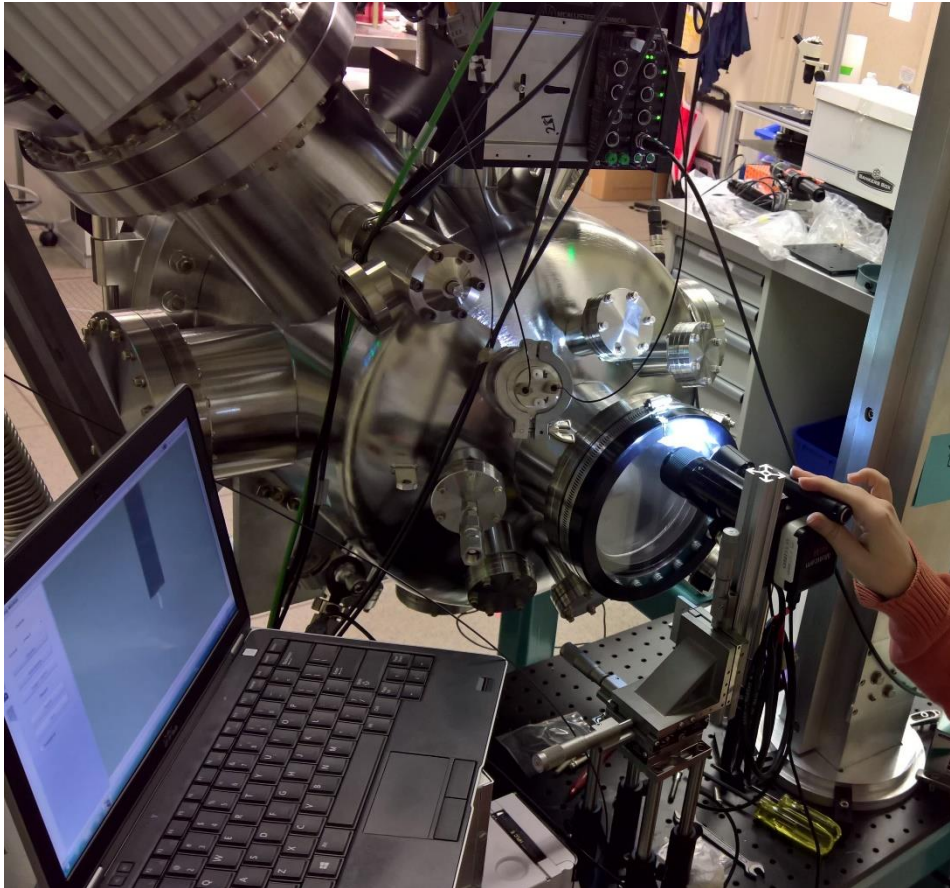
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- Comprehensive BioLab support for sample preparation and testing of equipment.
- Capability of experiments with Risk Group 3 agents in liquid form (advantage for those unsuitable for crystallization – e.g. West Nile Virus)

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- New facilities within ELIBIO project.
- Up to BSL2 capabilities.
- Utilization of Class 4 lasers in the biological laboratories.
- Electron microscopy available.
  
- Joint project with BIOCEV institute.

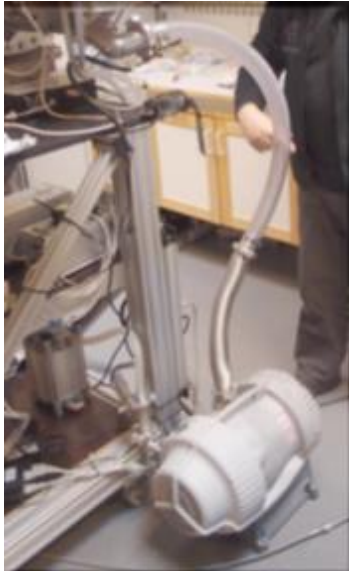
# Liquid jet for CDR



Testing @SLAC Feb 2017  
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# Biosafety Challenges: Containment

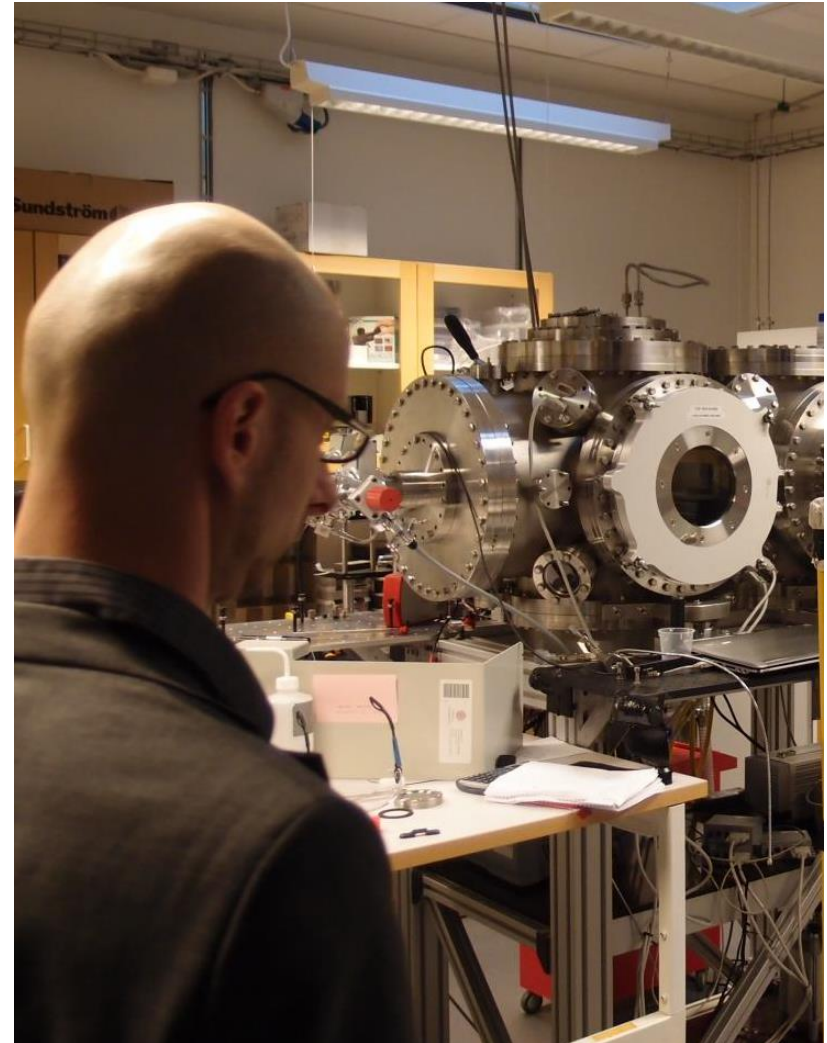


- BSL1:
  - no special requirement
- BSL2:
  - requirements on disinfection, arrangement, and regime
- BSL2+, BSL3:
  - For works with aerosolized RG2 agents
  - Requirements on sealing, negative pressure, respiratory protection, decontamination etc.
- Arrangement of experiment in the target area.
- Solid bio-hutch (construction requirements)
- Mobile bio-hutch (e.g. BioBUBBLE)
- HEPA filters on vacuum pumps exhaust

# Biosafety Challenges: Disinfection

- Typically disinfected with bleach (not applicable to sensitive optics).
- **Isopropanol** and **ethanol** are efficient for inactivation of agents.
- Necessity to test the optics on disinfectant resistance and sustainability.
- Inactivation efficiency testing of used disinfectants (not broad spectrum disinfectants).
- Probably do not need to be changed in time (biological agents turnover is relatively high due to different experimental campaigns).
- ***Vacuum chamber decontamination:***
  - All agents are oxidizers ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ,  $\text{ClO}_2$ ,  $\text{O}_3$  etc..)
  - Sensitive optics can be destroyed
  - A procedure for manual cleaning need to be developed
  - Usage of volatile cleaning agents can be used

- ELI Beamlines capabilities:
  - Performing X-Ray imaging experiments with liquids and aerosols
  - Performing radiobiological experiments on tissues using accelerated protons and ions
- Technology:
  - containment for performing BSL1 experiments
  - Easy extension to BSL2 experiments
  - Future capabilities for higher containment level
- Support:
  - Complex of biological laboratories with BSL1 and BSL2 containment



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# Questions?



# Back up slides



Laser System	L1	L2	L3	L4	Astrella
Peak power	>5 TW	1 PW	≥1 PW	10 PW	TW
Energy in pulse	100 mJ	≥15 J	≥30 J	≥1.5 kJ	15 mJ
Pulse duration	<20 fs	≤15 fs	≤30 fs	≤150 fs	<40 fs
Rep rate	1 kHz	10 Hz, >10 Hz	10 Hz	1 per min	1 kHz
Wavelength	850 nm	850 nm	820 nm	1050 nm	700-900 nm
Produced	In-house	In House and Purchased (STFC)	LLNL	National Energetics, EKSPLA	Coherent



# E1 with stations and MAC Chamber

