



LUXE: A NEW EXPERIMENT TO STUDY NON-PERTURBATIVE QED

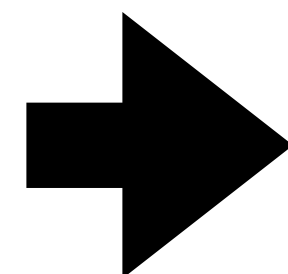
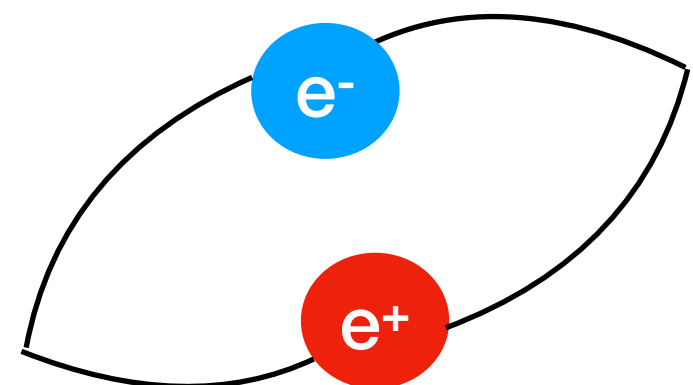
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INTRODUCTION: QED, VACUUM AND STRONG FIELD QED

- If one apply a strong electromagnetic field on a vacuum:

- $W_{\text{field}} < 2 m_e$



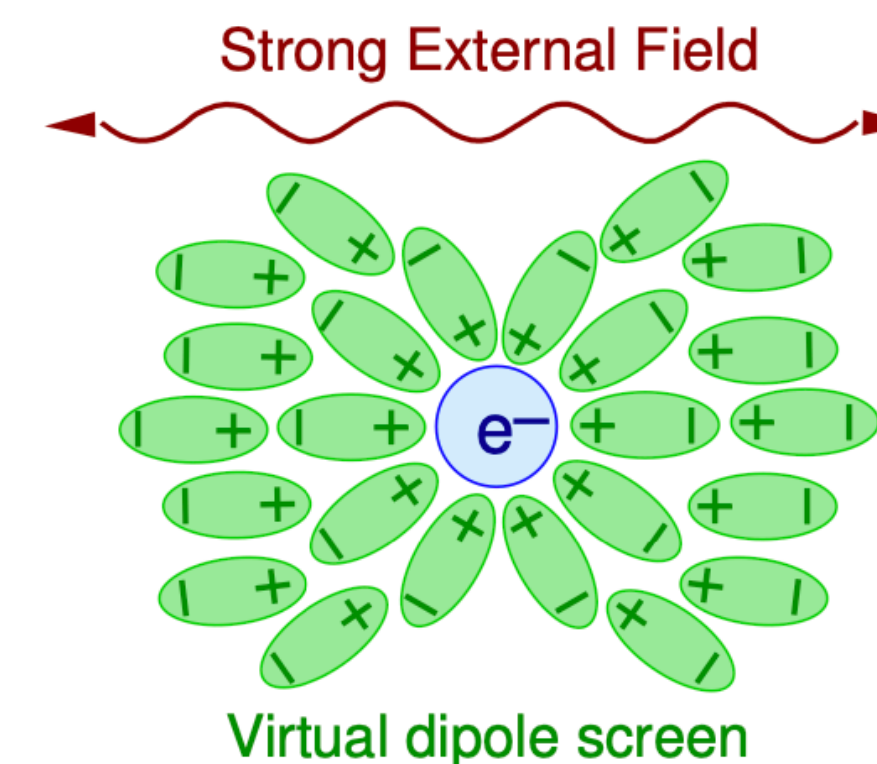
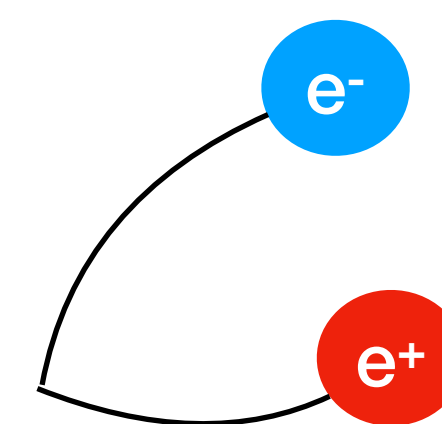
$$W_{\text{field}} > 2 m_e, \text{ with: } W_{\text{field}} = \frac{\epsilon e}{m_e} \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon_{\text{crit}} = \frac{m_e^2 c^3}{\hbar e} \simeq 1.3 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ V/m}$$

← above Schwinger-limit

- Quantum ElectroDynamics becomes non perturbative → Strong field QED (SFQED)!

- Experimental consequences:

- Field-induced (“Breit-Wheeler”) Pair Creation
- Modified Compton Spectrum.



- Non-perturbative and strong field QED have never been reached in laboratory, accessible by LUXE!

- Experimentally reached by colliding highly boosted electrons with high-intensity laser!

- Main Luxe scientific goals:

- Pioneer new regime of quantum physics.
 - Measure positron rate as a function of laser intensity.
 - Measure Compton edges.
- Study BSM physics.

- LUXE results will have effect over future accelerators, astro- and particle physics and atomic physics!

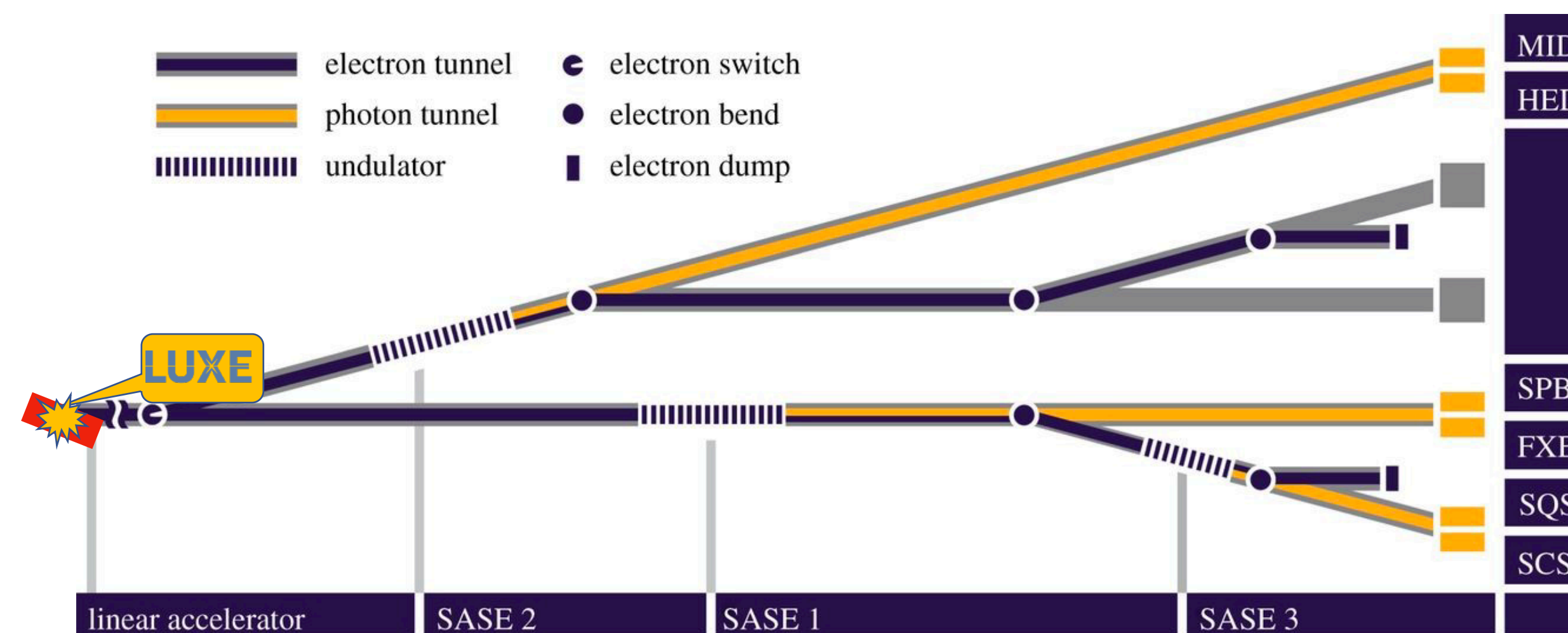
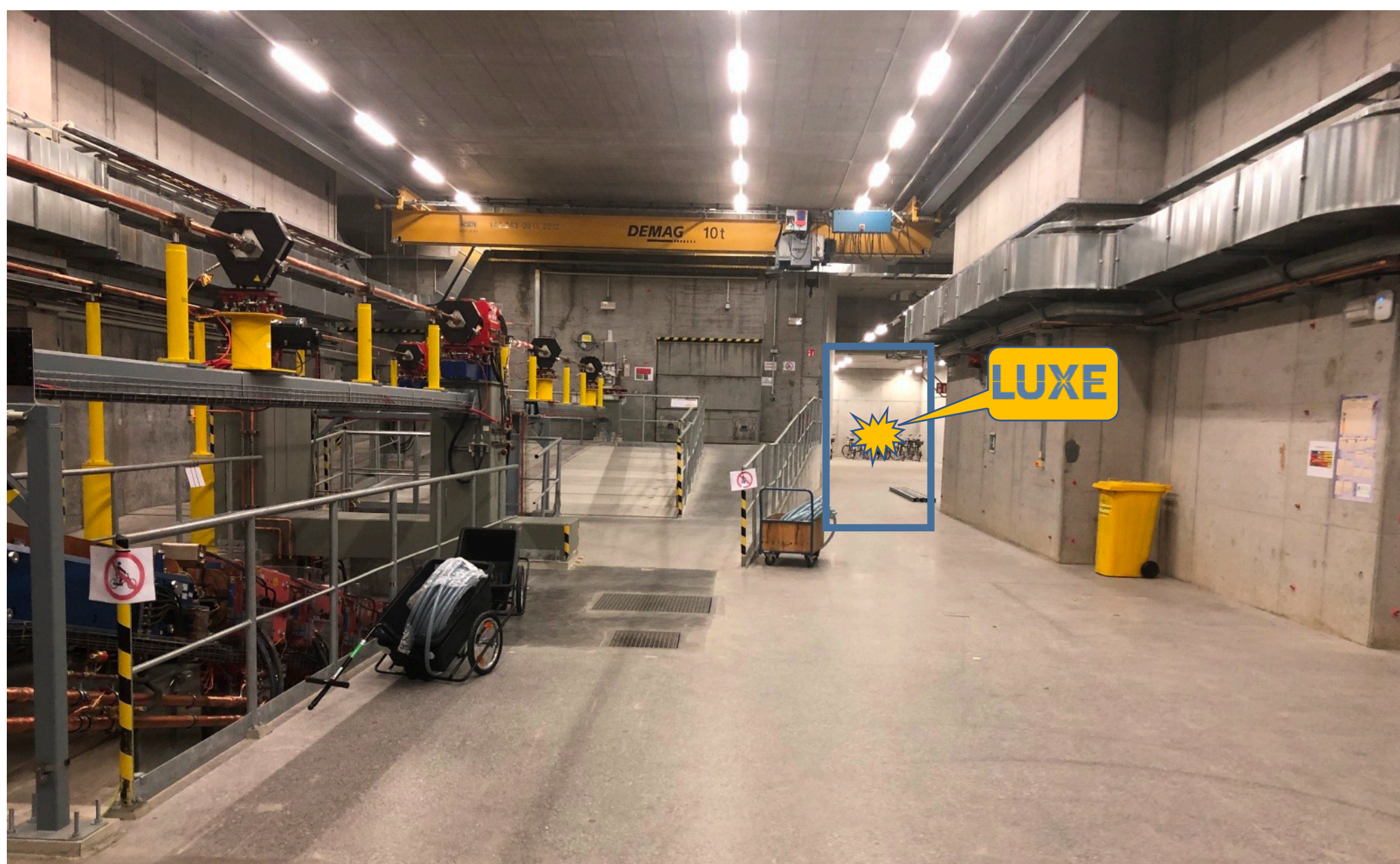
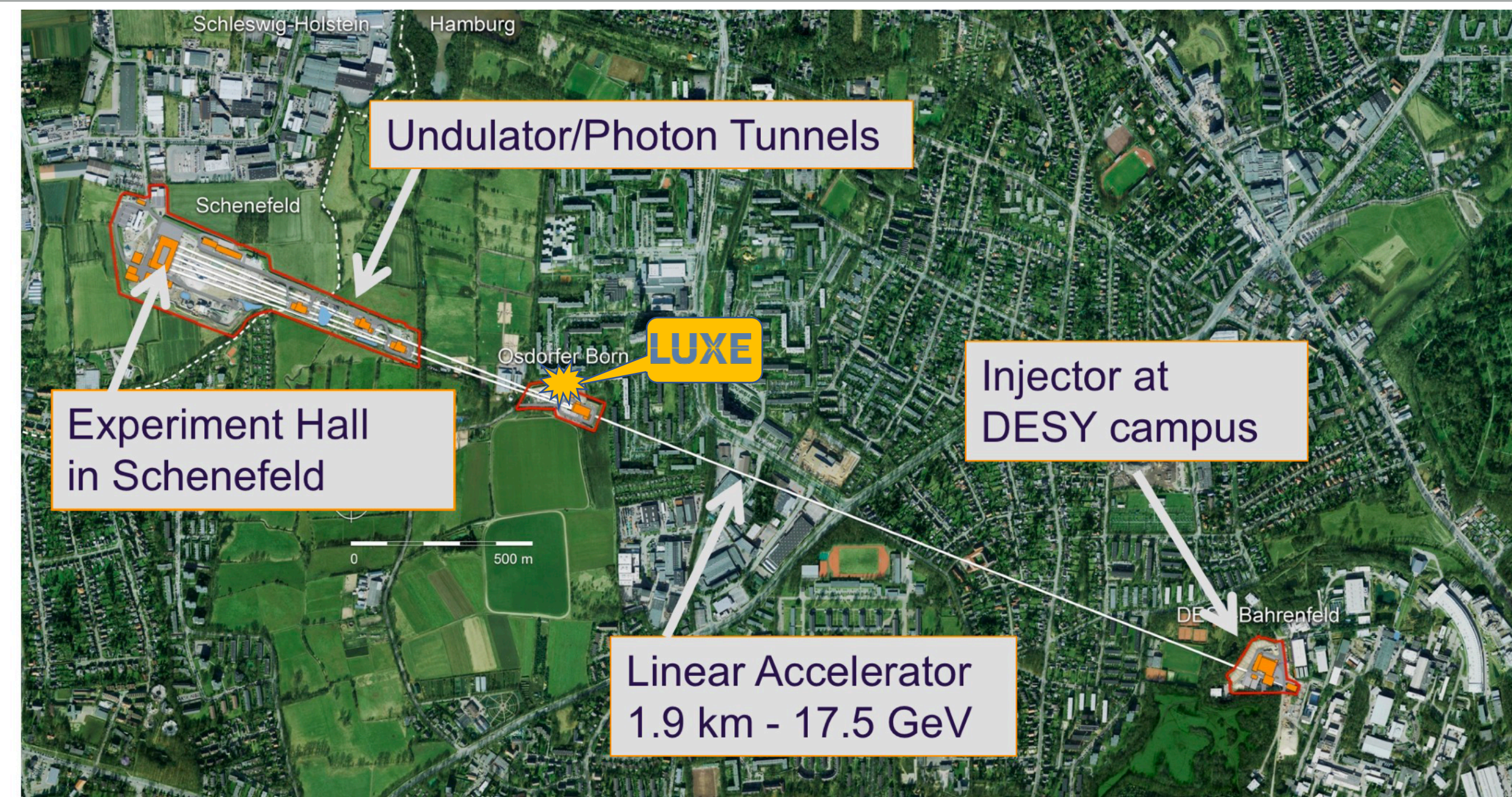
LUXE@EUROPEAN XFEL

- Experiment will be located in annex of XS1 shaft building in Osdorfer Born.

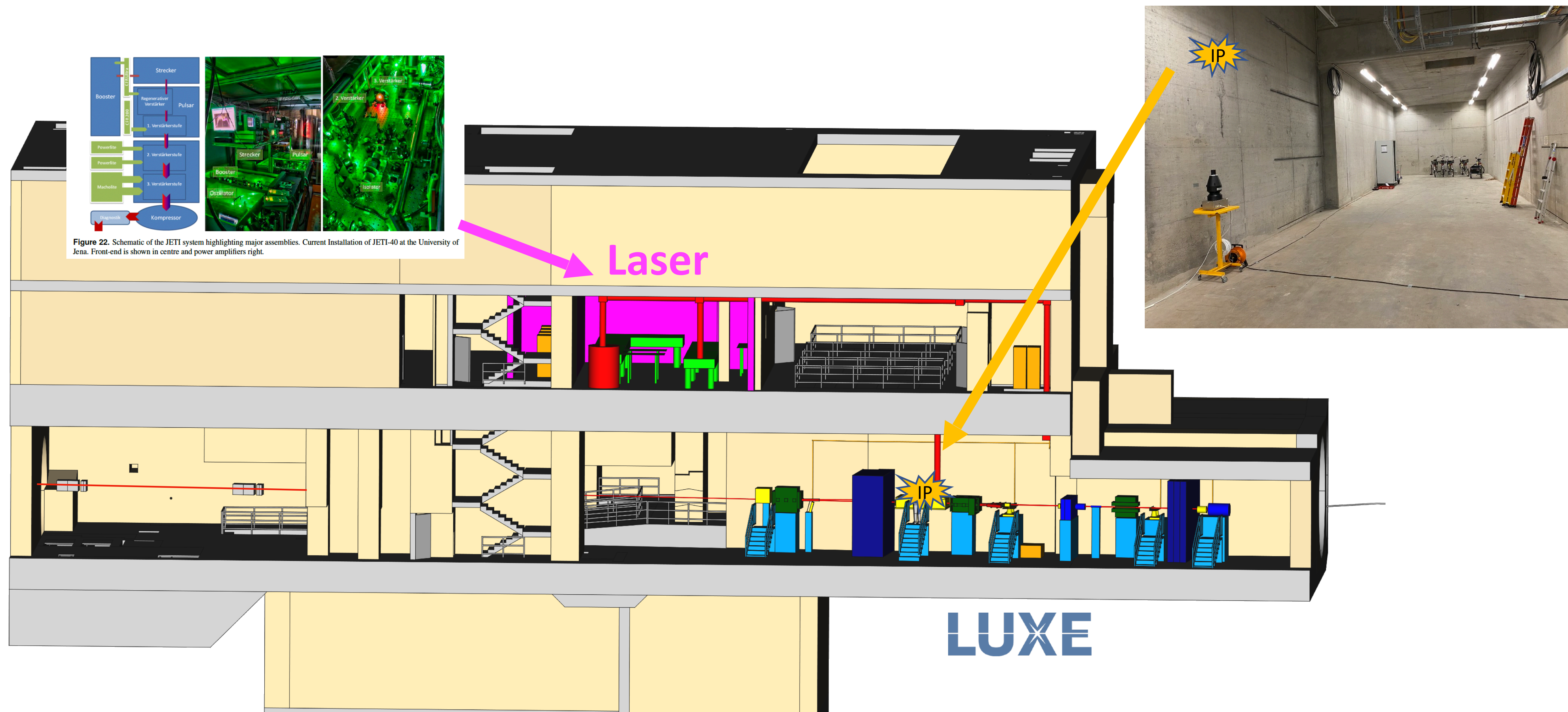
- Beam parameters for LUXE:

Parameter	Max	Typical
Beam Energy [GeV]	17.5	14
Bunch Charge [nC]	1	0.25
Bunch length (RMS) [fs]	80	20
Beam Size [mm]	variable	10
Repetition Rate [Hz]	1-10	13500 (in 10 Hz bursts)

- Experiment designed to have no impact on photon science!



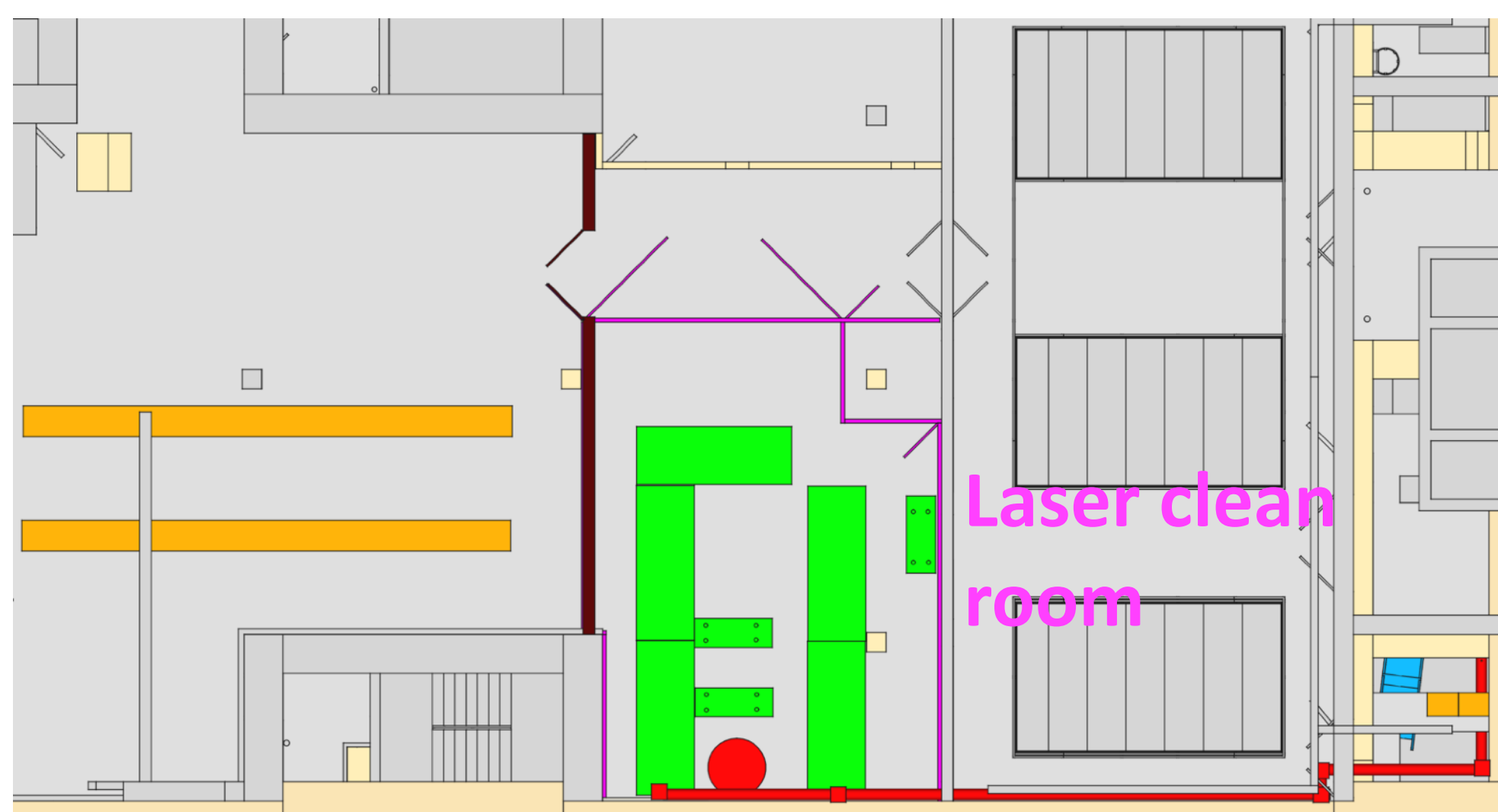
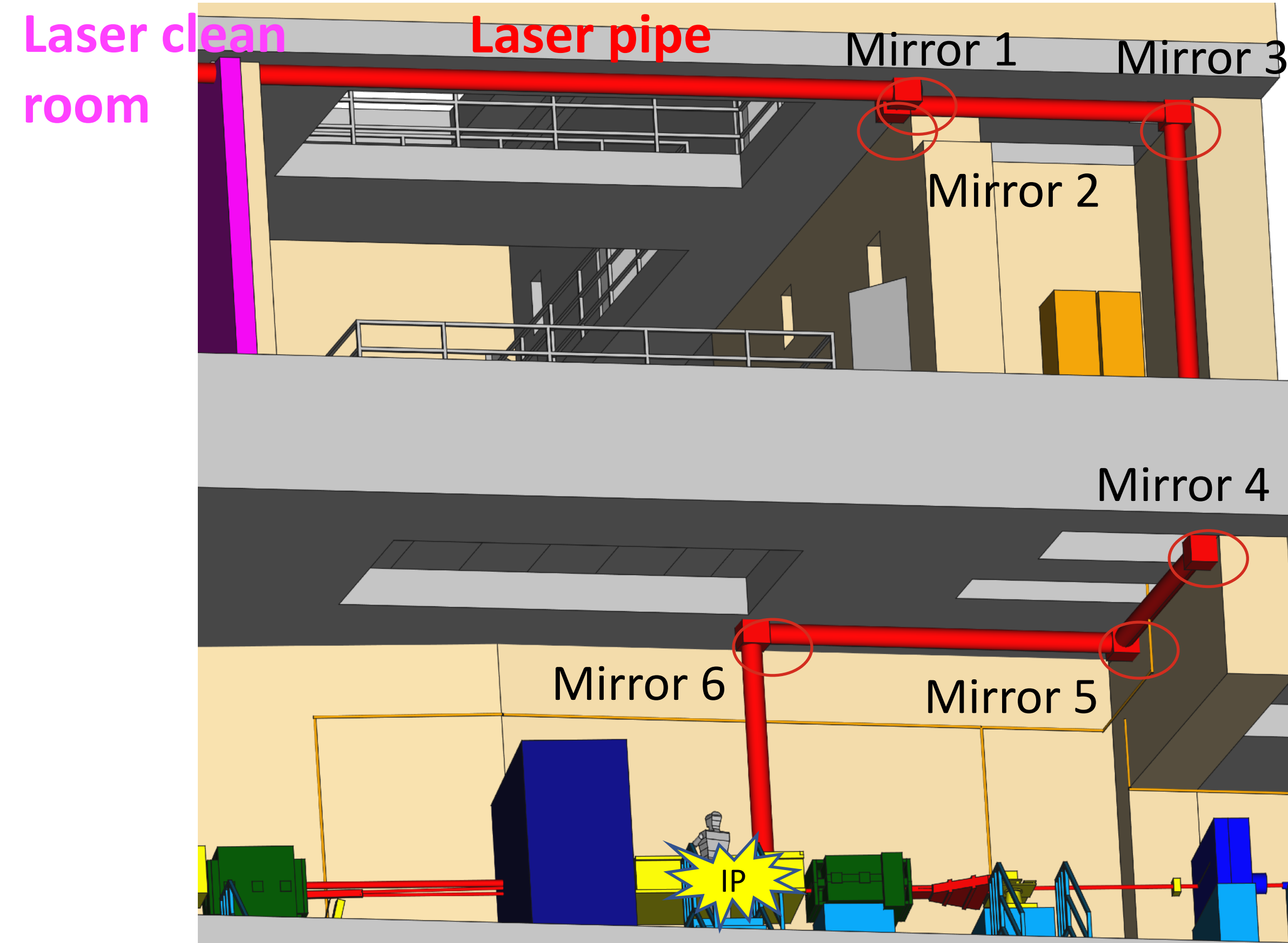
LUXE FOOTPRINT IN XS1 BUILDING



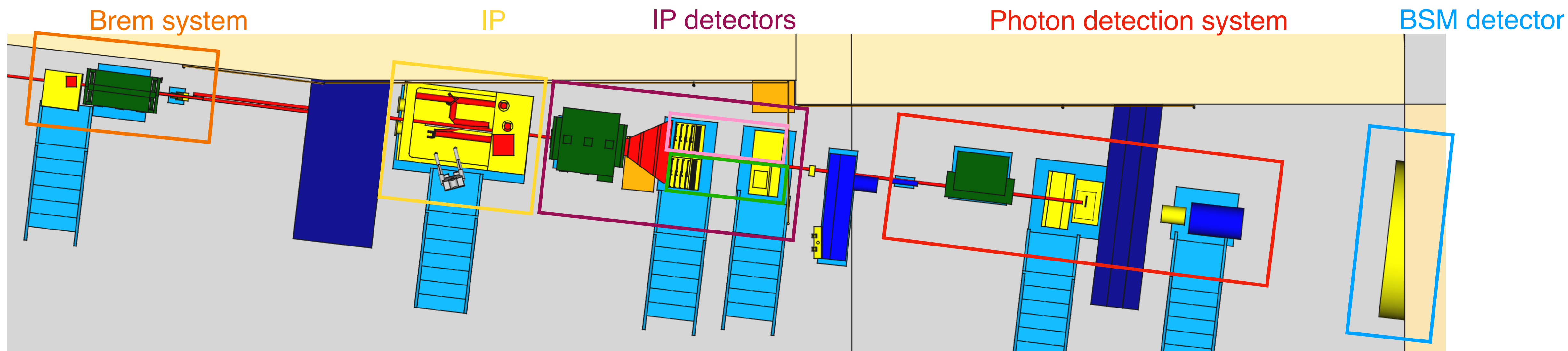
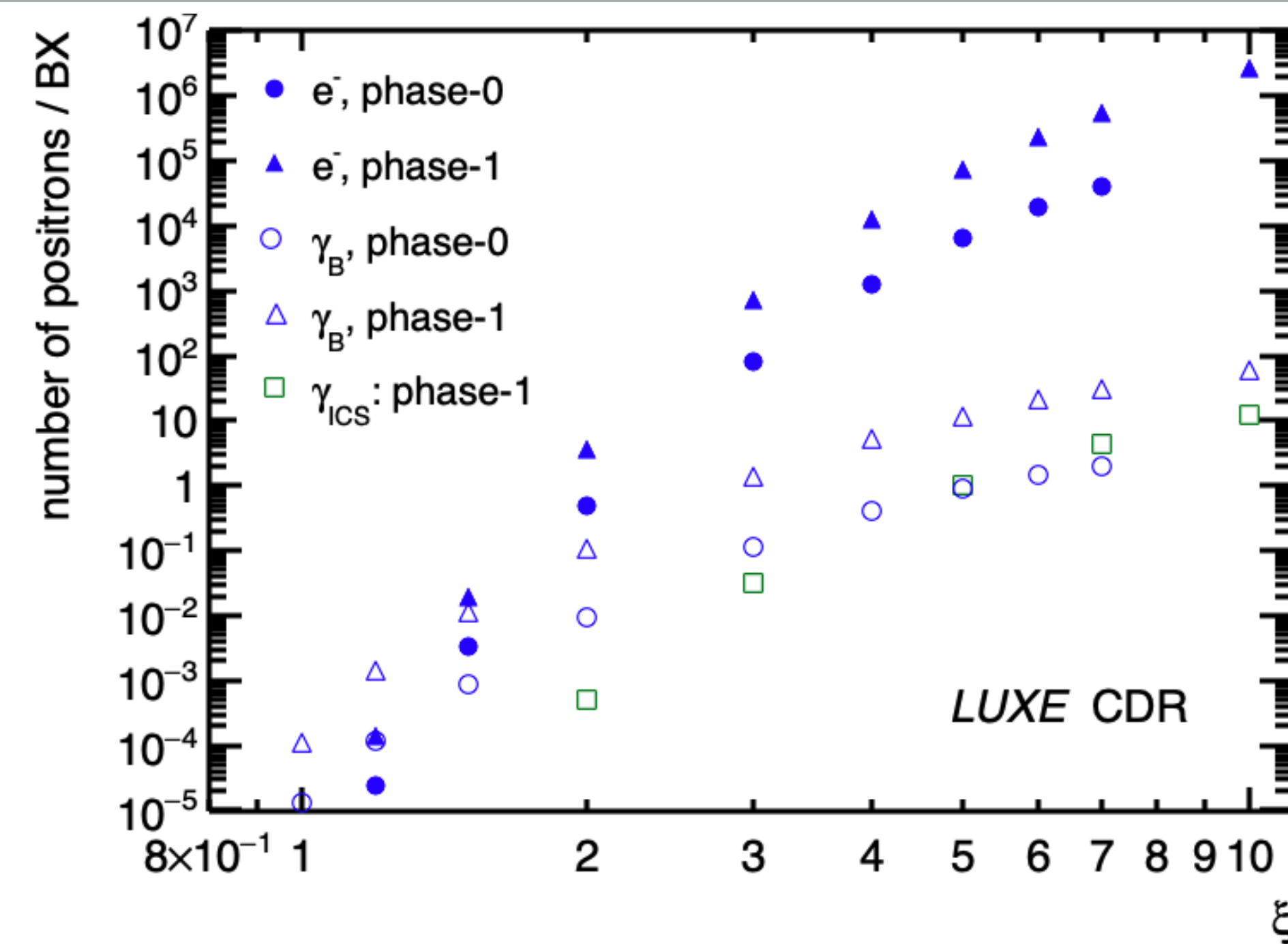
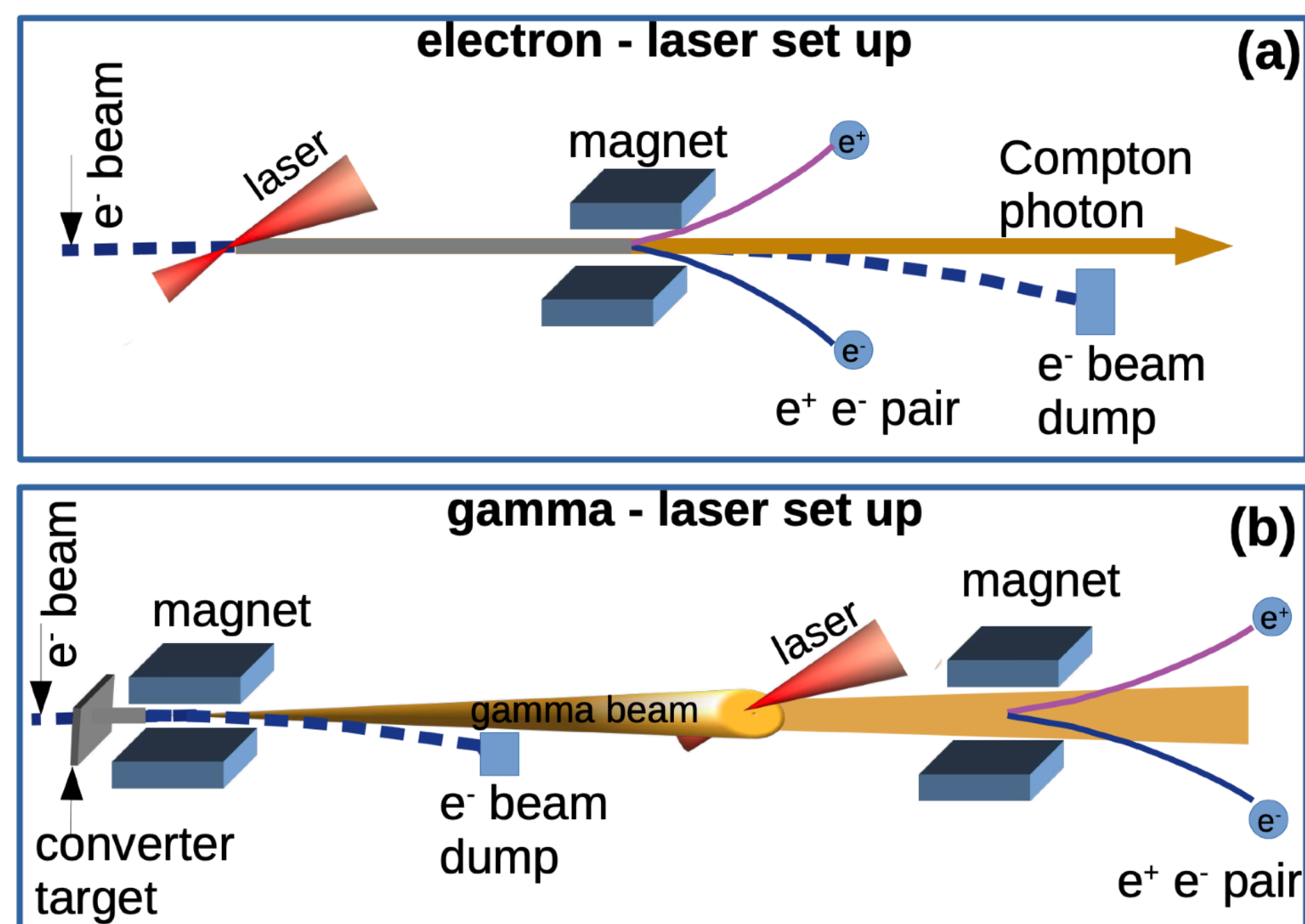
LASER

- Use Ti-Sa laser, with CPA technique
 - Peak wavelength at 800nm
- Staged installation
 - Start from a 40 TW laser (that can be the JETI40 or a new system)
 - Then move to commercial 350 TW system.
- Installation planned in UG02 laser to interaction point (IP) with 40m long vacuum pipe.
- Dedicated IP vacuum chamber.
- Could share space and more with ChirpTaper project.
- Summary, main characteristics of clean room
 - Volume clean-room 300m³
 - Temperature in the clean-room: 21 ± 0.5 °C
 - Humidity in the clean-room: 40 ± 5%

Parameter	Phase 0		Phase 1
Laser Power [TW]	40		350
Laser energy after compression [J]	1.2		10
Percentage of Laser in focus [%]	50		
Laser focal spot size w_0 [μm]	> 8	> 3	> 3
Peak intensity in focus [$\times 10^{19} \text{ Wcm}^{-2}$]	1.9	13.3	120
Peak intensity parameter ξ	3.0	7.9	23.6
Peak quantum parameter χ for $E_e = 16.5 \text{ GeV}$	0.56	1.50	4.45

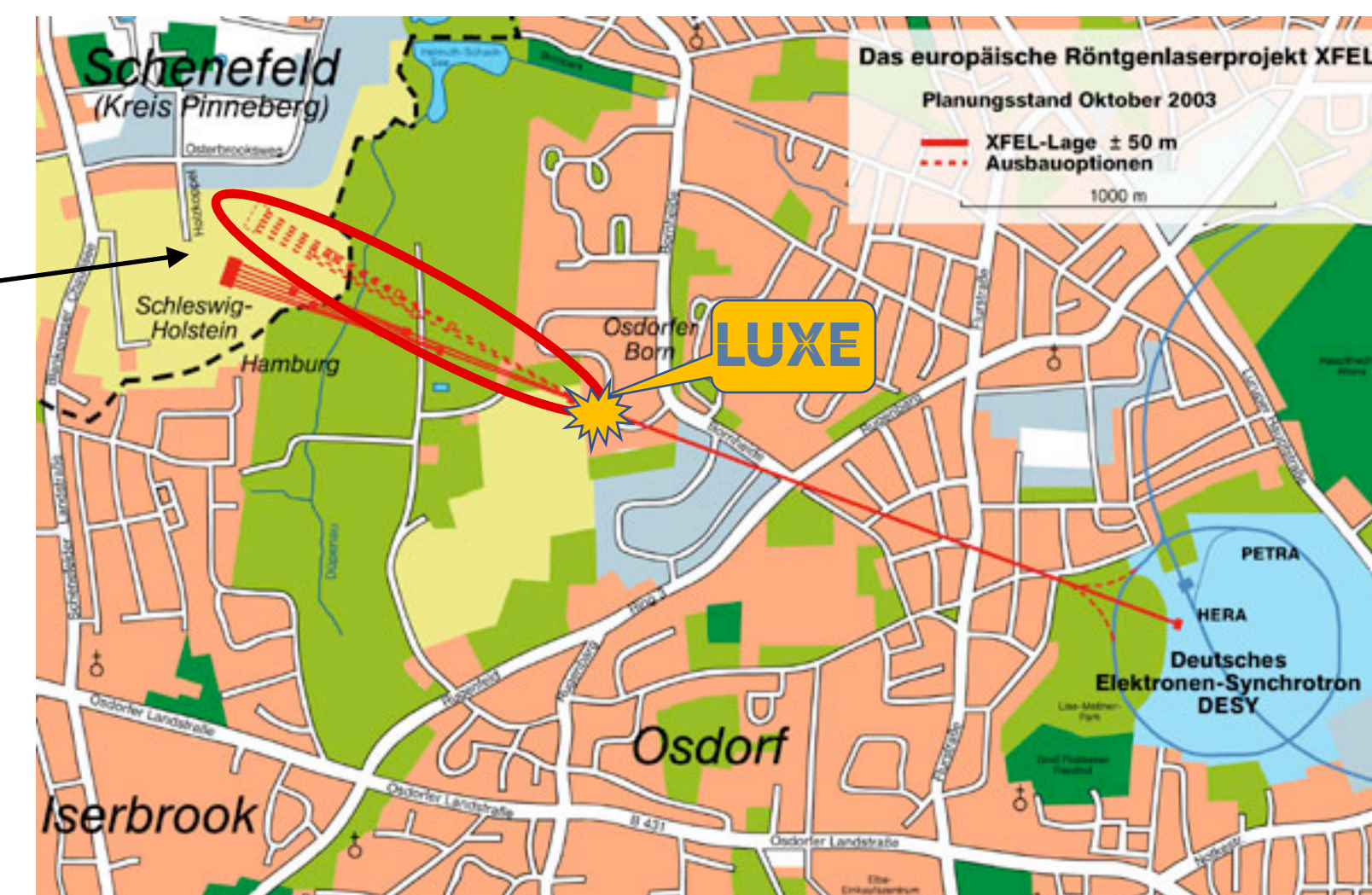
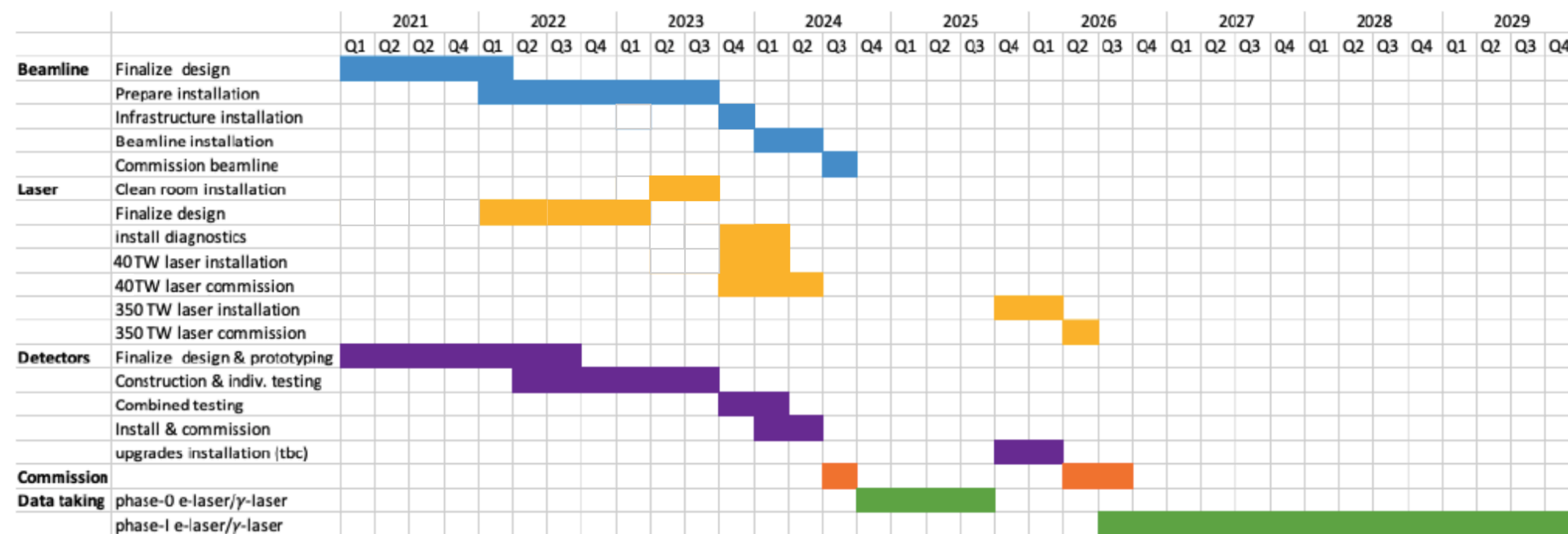


EXPERIMENT



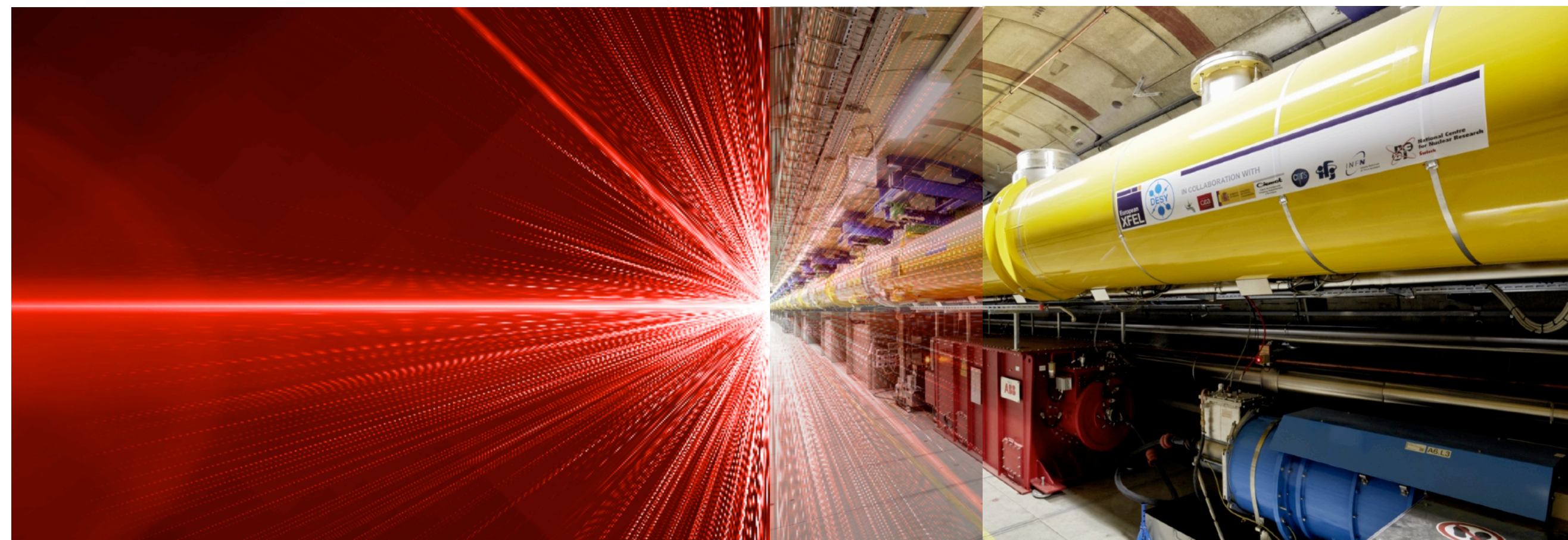
ONE WORD ON THE PLANING

- **CDR recently released.**
 - Now working toward TDR for 2022.
- **Experiment now decoupled from beam-line planing.**
 - With the caveat that to start data-taking experiment need beam-line.
 - Would be nice if most of experiment can be installed in 2024.
 - Long shutdown of the XFEL.
 - Baseline:
 - Data taking to start in 2024.
 - Start with e-laser.
 - γ -laser to start in 2025.
 - Laser upgrade (350 TW) in 2026.
 - Run until XFEL want to construct new fan (2029 for now).
 - Working on alternative scenario where missing pieces of the experiment could be installed in regular shutdown of the XFEL.
- **In parallel of review continue detector R&D, and experiment planification.**
 - Plan to perform multiple test-beam campaign in the future.



CONCLUSIONS

- The LUXE experiment will allow to measure QED in uncharted regime!
 - Might expect some surprises there!
- Experiment working toward being integrated in DESY-Roadmap.
- Installation planing of different elements is currently being investigated.
 - Laser as soon as possible, to allow early commissioning.
 - As much as possible of the TD20 line and experiment in 2024.
 - Rest in shorter shutdown.
- Experiment installation is highly stageable and adaptable with external constraints.
 - The sooner the data-taking can start the better for the physics.



Back up

NEXT STEPS

Beam Extraction

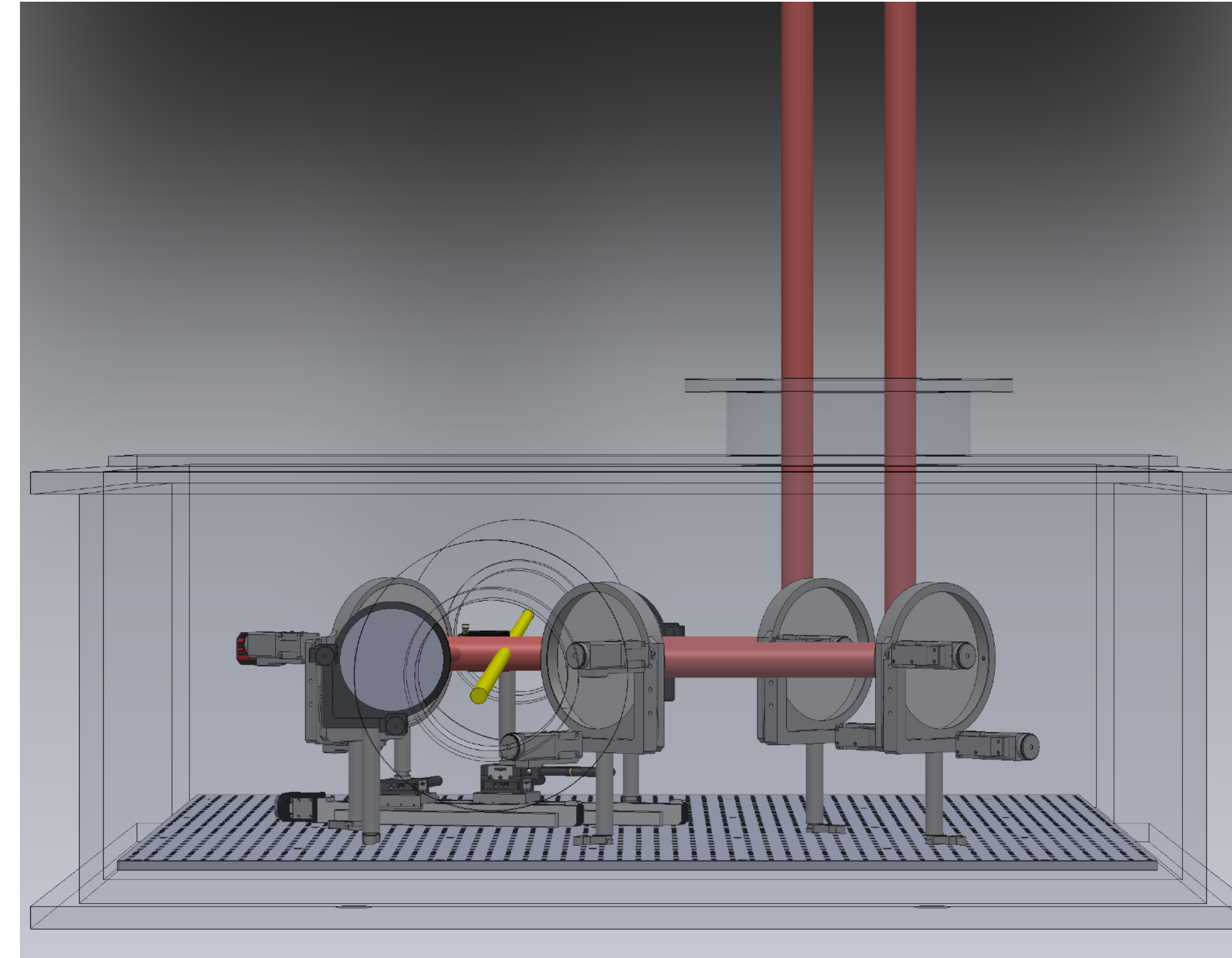
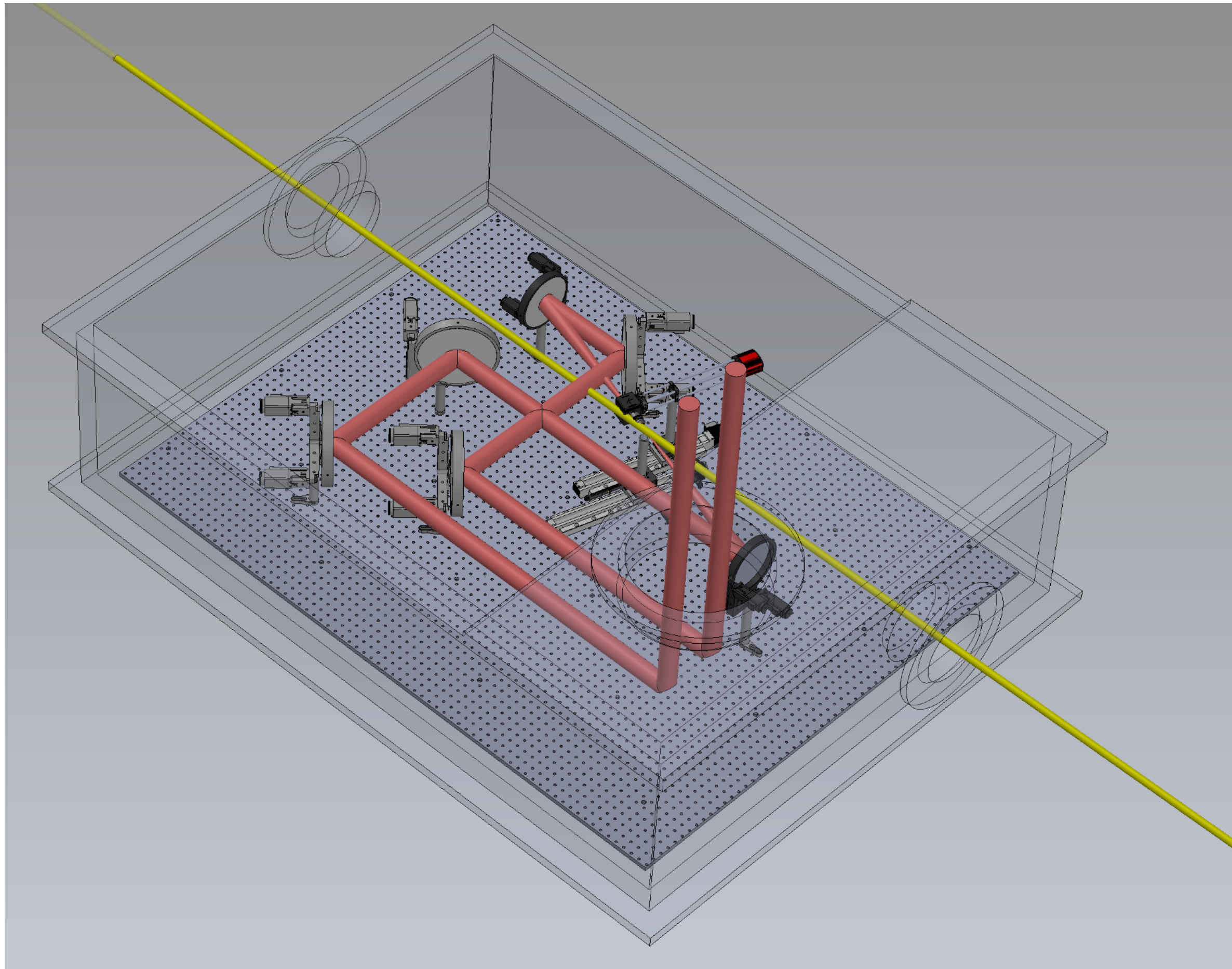
- **Oct. 2021:** Hire of additional technician/engineer at MEA and MVS
- **Oct. 2021:** Freeze of lattice for XFEL 2024 upgrade, including beam extraction to TD20 up to LUXE final focus triplet, internal review (Note: external review by MAC already in 2020)
- **Nov. 2021:** Full inventory for long lead items (magnets, power supplies, beam instrumentation) exists, start to prepare purchase
- **Nov. 2021:** Start of XS1 technical integration meetings to allocate and distribute space for technical and laser infrastructure in XS1/XHE1, including also requirements for SASE1/SASE2 chirp-taper projects, eventually hire additional personnel for MKK and MPC
- **Nov. 2021:** Start mechanical engineering for beamline integration and support (Note: engineering for beamline components does exist to a large extend); start vacuum engineering
- **Jan. 2022:** Purchase of long lead items (magnets, power supplies, auxiliaries)
- **Sep. 2022:** Finalise mechanical, vacuum and XS1 infrastructure engineering, internal review
- **Jul. 2023:** Last delivery of long lead items, quality check and pre-integration
- **Oct. 2023:** Finalise installation plan and resource requirements (integrated into XFEL2024 schedule), internal review

Experiment

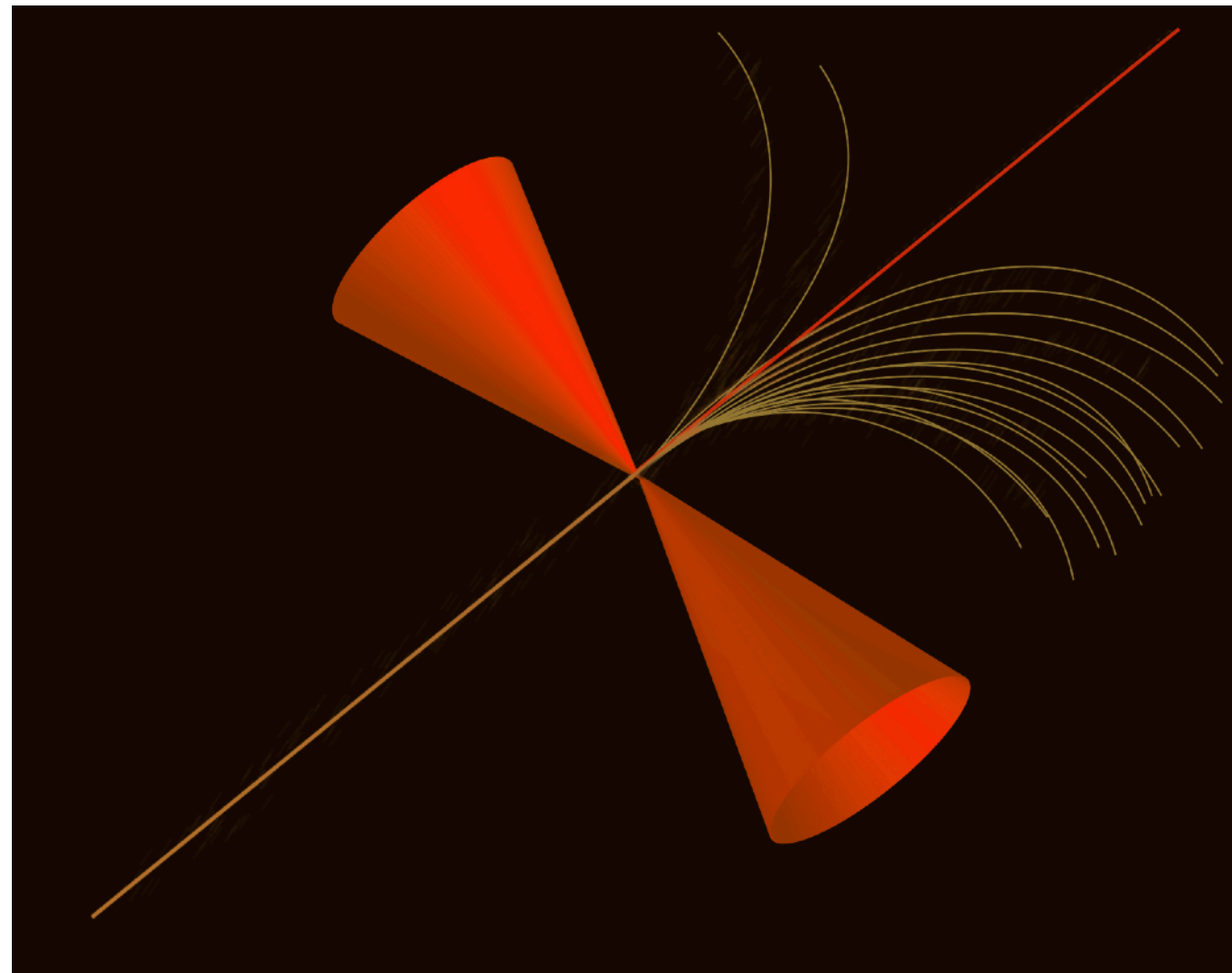
- **Dec. 2021:** Draft installation plan ready => Goal install “as much as possible” during 2024 shutdown and the rest in shorter 2-4 week shutdowns.
- **Dec. 2021:** Start of ISO6 Laser clean-room technical specifications to prepare call for tender
- **Feb. 2022:** Start design supporting structure in experimental area, to prepare call for tender.
- **Mar. -May 2022:** Start Laser clean-room and support structures call for tender(3-6 months).
- **Jul. -Aug. 2022:** End call for tender Laser clean-room and support structures, company chosen start technical design and installation planing
- **Aug. 2022:** Start design of experiment counting room refurbishment.
- **Oct. 2022:** Finalise early installation plan and resource requirements.
- **Dec. 2022:** Early phase install: XS1-UG02: counting room and laser clean-room; XS1-UG03: Supporting structure.
- **Jan. 2023:** Install and commissioning JETI40 in XS1
- **Jul. - Oct. 2023:** Last delivery of long lead items (Magnets and Detectors), quality check and pre-integration
- **Oct 2023:** Finalise installation plan and resource requirements (integrated into XFEL2024 schedule), internal review

IP CHAMBER

- IP Chamber main characteristics:
 - Vacuum: 10^{-6} mbar
 - Dimensions: 2m*1.m*0.4m



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

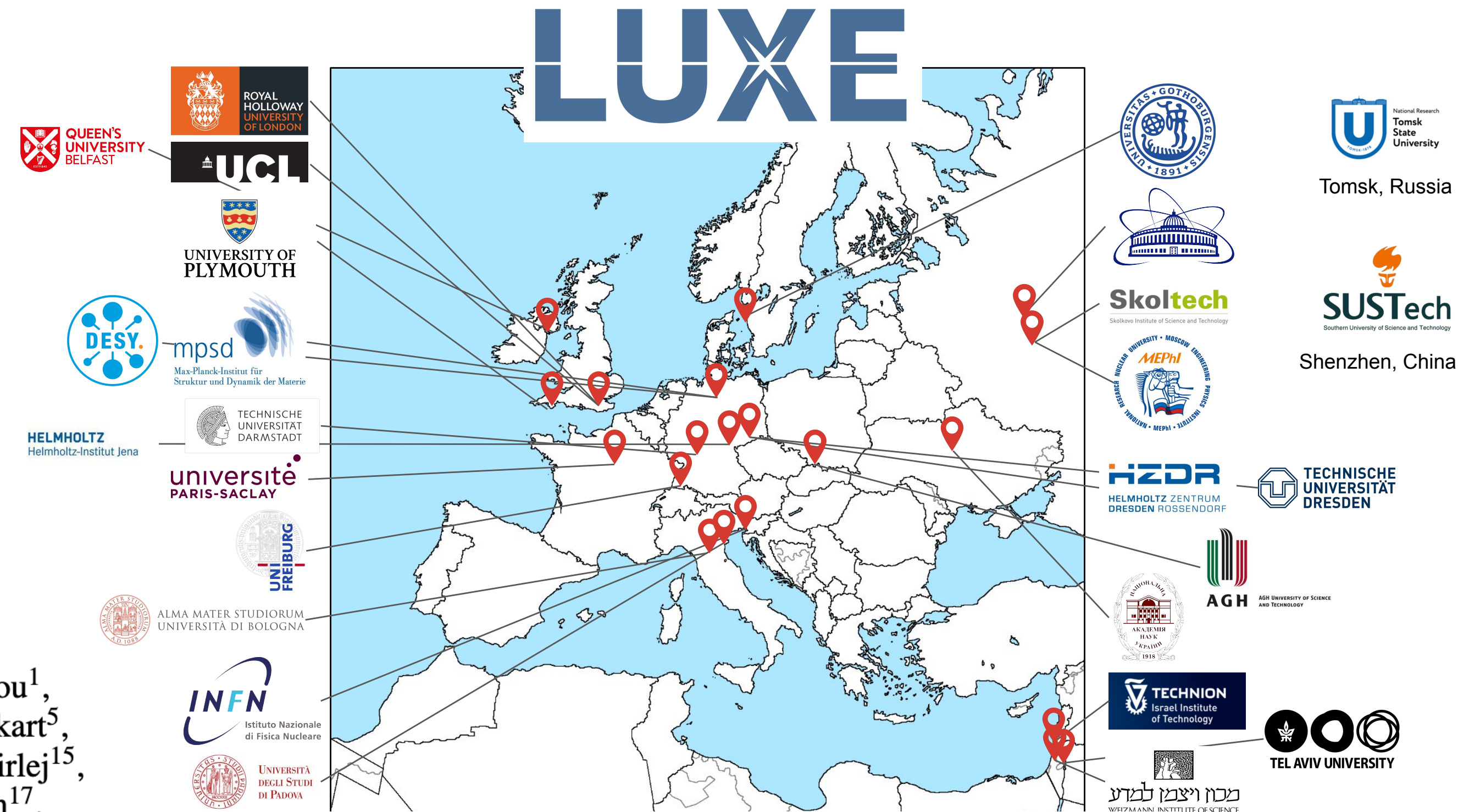


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