National Institute of Nuclear Physics Frascati National Laboratories

the past, the present and the future

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The INFN:

•promotes, coordinates and performs scientific research in subnuclear, nuclear and astroparticle physics,

•as well as the research and technological development necessary for activities in these sectors,

•in close collaboration with universities,

•and within a framework of international cooperation and comparison



The origins of the INFN



ΙΝΓΝ

Enrico Fermi and the "Boys of Via Panisperna" conducted a series of fundamental nuclear physics experiments at the Istituto di Fisica at the University of Rome in the 1930s.

Fermi realized that continuing progress in the field would require costly instruments and technical infrastructure (e.g., accelerators). Fermi (in Rome) and Bruno Rossi (in Florence) sought to establish an "Istituto Nazionale di Fisica" in the 1930s.

Because of the war, this was impossible until Edoardo Amaldi worked to found the INFN in 1951.





1951 4 Division Milan, Turin, Padua, and Rome

1957 Laboratori Nazionali di Frascati



Frascati







What do we do at the Laboratori Nazionali di Frascati?

- Fundamental research
- Develop and construct particle detectors
- Study and develop accelerating techniques
- Perform material studies and biomedical research with synchrotron light
- Develop and support computing systems and networks

Research activities in the fieldof high energy particle dosimetry

The main characteristic of LNF consists in knowing how to build particle accelerators.

This activity started in 1957 with the 1.1 GeV electron synchrotron, the most powerful machine at the time, continued with AdA (1961), the first electron-positron collider ever built, and its successor ADONE (1969) and culminated in 2000 with the construction of DA Φ NE, the collider still in operation that holds the world record of low energy instantaneous luminosity.

the SPARC free-electron laser

LNF hosts

the extremely high power FLAME laser for the study of innovative particle acceleration techniques

LNF new project

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The Frascati Electron Synchrotron 1959-1975



Experiments using fixed targets



- Matter is mainly empty
- All particles which do not interact are lost
- Energy is lost to moving the center of mass
- "Target" is a nucleus, with a complex structure

A new approach: Use colliding beams





Bruno Touschek, Frascati, 1960

- The non-interacting particles can be reused in successive rounds
- Collisions are performed in the center-of-mass frame
- The circulating particles can be either elementary or complex (nuclei or atoms)



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ADONE (1969-1993)



Two-Beam Operation of the 1.5 GeV Electron-Positron Storage Ring Adone.

F. Amman, R. Andreani, M. Bassetti, M. Bernardini, A. Cattoni,
V. Chimenti, G. F. Corazza, D. Fabiani, E. Ferlenghi (*),
A. Massarotti, C. Pellegrini, M. Placidi, M. Puglisi,
F. Soso, S. Tazzari, F. Tazzioli and G. Vignola

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DAΦNE

The Frascati National Laboratories operates a DA Φ NE accelerator complex for fundamental and applied physics. The DA Φ NE (Double Annular Φ Factory for Nice Experiments) consists of a Linac for electrons and positrons with energy 800 and 550 MeV, respectively, an Accumulator for topping up and Main Rings with energy 510 MeV per beam.

The aim is to accumulate, into the Main Rings, two electron/positron beams with a maximum intensity 10¹³ particles/beam, divided in 120 bunches (average current 5A) at 510 MeV.



The DAFNE Beam-Test Facility (BTF) is a beam transfer line designed for the optimized, stochastical production of single electrons/positrons for detector calibration purposes, or the extraction of the DAFNE LINAC electron/positron beam.

Beam characteristics (spot size, divergence, momentum resolution), are strongly depended by multiplicity (number of particles/spill) and energy requested.



The BTF activity is essentially dedicated to the testing and calibration of detectors for use in high-energy physics experiments. It is addressed to both experimental groups operating within the National Laboratory of Frascati, as well as Italian and foreign external researchers.

Parameter	Values			
Maximum average flux	3.125 10 ¹⁰ particles/s			
Spot size	1–25 mm (y) 1–55 mm (x)			
Divergence	1–2 mrad			
	Parasitic mode		Dedicated mode	
Pulse duration	10 ns		1.5–40 ns Selectable	
Repetition rate	Variable between 10 Hz and 49 Hz Depending on DAFNE mode		1–49 Hz Selectable	
	With target	Without target	With target	Without target
Particle species	e⁺ or e⁻ Selectable by user	e⁺ or e⁻ Depending on DAFNE mode	e⁺ or e⁻ Selectable	
Energy	25–500 MeV	510 MeV	25–700 MeV (e ⁻) 25–500 MeV (e ⁺)	250–730 MeV (e ⁻) 250–530 MeV (e ⁺)
Energy spread	1% at 500 MeV	0.5%	0.5%	
Intensity (particles/bunch)	1-105	107-1.5 1010	1-105	10 ³ -3 10 ¹⁰





Neutron Flux at 1.5m from shield = 4E+5 n/cm²s⁻¹ corresponds to Equivalent Dose=45 mSv/h



The LNF operates the SPARC_Lab (Source for Plasma Accelerators and Radiation Compton With Laser and Beams)



SPARC 150 MeV Advanced Photo-Injector





A facility based on the unique combination of high brightness electron beams with high intensity ultra-short laser pulses is available for the entire accelerator community, such to allow the investigation of all the different configurations of plasma accelerator and the development of a wide spectrum interdisciplinary leading-edge research activity.

The Frascati Laser for Acceleration and Multidisciplinary Experiments (FLAME)

The PLASMONX project

The aim of the PLASMONX project is to provide the LNF with a world-class, highpower laser facility suitable for the development of an innovative, high-gradient acceleration technique based upon superintense and ultra-short laser pulses, and X/gamma-ray tunable sources using Thomson scattering of optical photons by energetic electrons.

300 TW, 20fs, 10 Hz

The main purpose of the facility will consist in R&D activity aimed at the following objectives:

demonstration of high-gradient acceleration of electrons injected into electron plasma waves excited by ultra-short, high-power laser pulses;

development of a monochromatic and tuneable X-ray source in the 20-1000 keV range, based upon Thomson scattering of laser pulses by relativistic electrons. The ultra-intense laser pulses are employed to study the interaction with matter for many purposes: electron acceleration through LWFA, ion and proton generation exploiting the TNSA mechanism, study of new radiation sources and developmentof new electron diagnostics. Frascati Laser for Acceleration and Multi-disciplinary Experiments



SPARC (pulsed self- amplified source of	LWFA with external inje	Extine LWFA with self-injection Proton acceleration
coerent radiation)	FLAME	FLAME lab
Emax150 MeVIp200APulseduration 10psRepetitionRate 10Hz	nominal peak power 300 TWpulse length≥ 20fsrepetition rate10 Hzoutput energy8Jlaser intensity~ 10 ²⁰ Wcm ⁻²	SPARC bunker Previously existing e-beam



Main beam (up to 250 TW) vacuum transport line



Plasma Acceleration laser pulse

For the shielding evaluation



We reported only the values obtained in most conservative case from the point of radiation protection view (200 MeV, 1 nC/shot, 10Hz)

Operation for 250h/year H*(10) < 1mSv/year</pre>

ambient dose equivalent rate

The ambient dose equivalent rate was evaluate only at 90°







The door of FLAME experimental area is equipped with a lock with a key imprisoned. The access door is equipped with two independent chains of interlocks, each interlock consisting of two microswitches in series and each microswitch consisting of two contacts.

Emergency-off buttons, clearly visible in the darkness and readily accessible, are installed inside and outside the pit area. The reset of emergency-off buttons must be done locally.

Warning lights and audible warning are given inside radiation areas when the laser is ready to give a shot.

Any violation of the radiation areas must cause the stop of the machine. In this case a shutter is inserted along the main laser beam transport; a valve is inserted between the compressor and the interaction chamber; a mirror in the compressor is rotated to avoid any transport of the main beam to experimental chamber. Start again require a new area search. Radiological risk for the workers and the members of public from the prompt radiation.

Normal working condition

The ambient dose equivalent rates in the various areas of FLAME laboratory as well as in the external areas are quite negligible and however difficult to measure with the radiation protection instruments used in routine monitoring.

Accident condition

The only accident condition consists in the irradiation of person close to the target area during the FLAME operation. This event is quite unlikely taking into account of the redundancy of the radiation safety system. The evaluation of the effective dose is not an easy job because of the impossibility to take into account the distance from the source, the condition of the exposition, the numbers of shots and so on.

Only one shot can in principle give at 1m from the target an ambient dose equivalent of 3-4 mSv in the worst conditions

Area classification

Controlled area during the operation. Access forbidden.

Target area

Area interlocked @ laser on. Free access area @ laser off unless of residual radioactivity

Control roomFree access area. No restrictions or requirements from the
and clean roomand clean roomradiation protection point of view

Worker classification

All the workers will be classified "non exposed" workers According with the Italian law in force the annual exposure limit for non exposed workers is 1 mSv equal to the limit for the members of public.





Gd₂O₂S:Tb inorganic scintillator



Laser peak power Lgasjet Plasma density Pulse duration Laser intensity Laser focal spot Laser energy = 250Terawatt = 4 - 10 mm = 1 10¹⁸ -1 10¹⁹ cm⁻³ = 35 fs \leq 5 10¹⁹ W/cm² = 9 - 17 µm = 1 J In order to characterize the radiation field of FLAME laboratory the Radiation Protection Group of LNF installed a network of passive detectors mainly inside but also outside radiation shield. In each positions were installed different TLD detectors (TLD 400 bulb detectors, TLD 600, TLD 700, from Thermo Company previous Harshaw Company) plus a stack of PADC detectors.





Lanex screen with and without magnetic field





Electron beam divergence about 1 mrad

Electron energy dispersion with a 0.9 Tesla of permanent magnetic dipole

Estimation of electron energies ranges up to 500 MeV and more.

In about 2 days of exposition were obtained from TLD 400 and 700 the values reported in a table.

Measurement points around the interaction chamber.



Measurement positions	Ambient dose equivalent (mSv)	Ambient dose equivalent (mSv)
1	0.55	0.84
2	0.84	1.99
3	0.56	1.01
4	0.34	0.56
5	1.05	2.31
6	611	497.22
7	65	174.00
8	4.8	1.29
9	3.27	1.35
10	2.3	0.99
11	1.3	0.52
12	0.06	0.04
13 ¹⁰ %	0.05	0.04
7 8 9 10 11 12 13	65 4.8 3.27 2.3 1.3 0.06 0.05	174.00 1.29 1.35 0.99 0.52 0.04 0.04

Uncertainties



The Automess Scintillator Probe 6150AD-b in integration mode of operation measured a value of 1 microSievert in an hour of operation at a rate of about 10 shots per minute.

The value is consistent with the value obtained with TLD 400 and 700, taking into account the different position and size of both detectors

Ambient

equivalent

0.05

0.06

0.06

0.06

0.07

dose

(mSv)

Ambient dose

0.04

0.04

0.04

0.04

0.04

equivalent

(mSv)

Measurement

14

15

16

17

18

positions

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14151Flame pit entrequipped with
Stairs Gamma and neutron activ detectors

Flame pit	entrance
equipped	with two
stairs	

14 15 16 17

Passive network detectors

half a meter of ordinary

Gamma and neutron active detectors

A person close to interaction chamber (point 6) during the operation in such conditions could receive in one minute about 2 mSv. This value is consistent with maximum credible accident.



 $H^{*}(10)(\mu Svh^{-1})$





Ambient dose equivalent rate just outside FLAME pit as shown in the previous figure. Each point represents the ambient dose equivalent obtained averaging samples on each minute of operation and scaling for an hour.

A contemporary gamma and neutron emission not always were detected.

Neutron background is negligible in practice, while photon background is ~0.06 mSv/h

Annual exposure to natural radiation sources is ~3.3mSv equal 0.38 mSv/h.

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Conceptual Design Report Readyfor the LNF site



http://www.Inf.infn.it/sis/preprint/pdf/getfile.php?filename=INFN-18-03-LNF.pdf

Courtesy Massimo Ferrario



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- Candidate LNF to host EuPRAXIA (1-5 GeV)
- FEL user facility (1 GeV 3nm)
- Advanced Accelerator Test facility (LC) + CERN



- 500 MeV by RF Linac + 500 MeV by Plasma (LWFA or PWFA)
- 1 GeV by X-band RF Linac only
- Final goal compact 5 GeV accelerator

Courtesy Massimo Ferrario

Main Goals

- X-band RF technology implementation, CompactLight
- Science with short wavelength Free Electron Laser (FEL)
- Physics with high power lasers and secondary particle source
- Compact Neutron Source
- R&D on compact radiation sources for medical applications
- Detector development and test for X-ray FEL and HEP
- Science with THz radiation sources
- Nuclear photonics with g-rays Compton sources
- R&D on polarized positron sources

Courtesy Massimo Ferrario

• R&D in accelerator physics and industrial spin – off

MariX: design study of a Multi-disciplinary Advanced Research Infrastructure for the generation and application of X-rays

MariX is a research infrastructure optimized for matter analysis carried out using techniques based on coherent X-ray diffusion and photo-electric effect, with a temporal resolution at the femtosecond level and MHz-class pulse repetition rate.

coherent femto-second X-rays @ (0.1-8) keV

The Mission

ultra-high brilliance hard X-rays @ 20-180 keV

FEL fully coherent diffraction limited X-ray photon beam: 10^{9-12} hv/pulse @ 1 MHz in 0.05% $\Delta v/v$, 0.1-8 keV, $\sigma_t < 50$ fsec, 10^{18} hv/s

Compton X-ray photon beam: $10^{12} - 10^{13}$ hv/s (@ 100 MHz) in 5% $\Delta v/v$, 20-180 keV, tunable, polarized, $\sigma_t = 2$ psec, 10 μ m round source spot size, mrad divergence

Where? Milano north of Italy in the area of the **World Exposition Milan 2015, Italy**



Courtesy Luca Serafini







Environmental impact

Beam dumps

Material activation

Dose constraints

Area classification	Area description	Design requirement	Dose limit
Controlled areas	Linac Tunnel when accessible, Restricted areas around Beam dumps and/or any other activated, Restricted areas around klystrons	5 mSv/year	20 mSv/year
Free access areas	Experimenal areas Neighboring areas	0.1 mSv/year	1 mSv/year
Border areas	Constraint from licencing authorities = trivial dose	10 micro Sv/year	

At the end of this list of present and future activities of the LNF, I would just like to underline that the LNF Radiation Protection Group is involved in all those competence activities related to the design and operation of accelerator machines and not only at home.

One of the major problems faced was the measurement of neutron dose and spectra around high energy accelerators

For area monitoring ICRU recommends the use of H*(10) which is to provide a conservative estimate of effective dose.

H*(10) is not a measurable quantity)

$$\mathsf{H}^*(10) = \int_0^{Emax} \Phi_E(E) h_{\Phi}^*(E) dE \qquad \Phi_{\mathsf{E}} = \Phi \cdot \varphi(\mathsf{E})$$

 $\varphi(E)$ is the energy distribution of the neutron fluence normalized to 1 cm⁻²



neutron fluence to dose equivalent conversion factor

Two approaches are possible to determining the value of the Ambient Dose Equivalent H*(10) in a neutron field.

◆Using an instruments with flat energy response in terms of H*(10)

\diamond Deriving $\Phi(E)$ by means of spectrometric techniques



Fig. 1. Radiation weighting factor, w_R, for neutrons versus neutron energy.

This first approach is possible in a limited energy range.

Due to high energy variability of the fluence-to-ambient doseequivalent conversion coefficients and the diversity of the interaction mechanisms in the human body and the dosimetric material, the instruments responses usually show a very important energy dependence.

Moreover the energy neutrons in the workplace fields can range over 10 order of magnitude





As previously shown conventional rem counters are suitable **only** for neutron field up to 14 MeV

The enhancement of instrument response because the reaction (n,xn) Lead attenuator 1 cm thick





The Long Interval NeUtron Survey-meter (LINUS) is a new type of rem counter developed by INFN (LNF Radiation Protection Group and Section of Milan)

Birattari, Esposito, Ferrari, Pelliccioni, Silari, NIM A324 (1993) 232-238 Birattari, Esposito, Ferrari, Pelliccioni, Rancati, Silari, RPD 76 (1998) 135-148

An accurate determination of H*(10) in workplace field of unknown direction distribution can be achieved through the use of suitable neutron spectrometer.

Neutron scattering and measurement of the energies of recoil nuclei.

Measurement of the energies of charged particles released in neutron-induced nuclear reactions.

Methods in which the velocity of neutrons is measured TOF

Threshold spectrometry

The most used neutron spectrometry technique in workplaces is the so called Bonner Sphere Spectrometer (BSS).

The advantages of such type of spectrometer are

- the isotropy of the response,
- the possibility to extend the energy range up to GeV neutrons

the availability of different active or passive central detectors (TLD's, PADC, Activation foils) to be chosen according to the field intensity and time structure.

Nevertheless, the unfolding process remains the most difficult task in Bonner Sphere spectrometry, because unfolding codes are usually very complex and require quite detailed "a priori" information on the spectrum to be measured.

With the aim of providing a useful and friendly tool for spectrometry in workplaces, the INFN-LNF Radiation Protection Group developed FRUIT, a new unfolding code specially designed for routine applications where no detailed pre information on the neutron field are available.

The LNF-ERBSS, available from Ludlum Measurements, USA, includes

- eleven polyethylene spheres (density 0.95 g·cm⁻³)
 - (2", 2.5", 3", 3.5", 4.5", 5", 7", 8", 10", 12")
- three polyethylene spheres (density 0.95 g·cm⁻³) loaded with copper and lead
 - (7" Cu, 7" Pb, 12" Pb)
- one sphere sourrounded by a Cd shell
- a 4x4 ⁶Lil(Eu) active scintillator

Special aluminum holders were designed to expose TLD pairs and a gold or dysprosium foil in the same time



All spheres are designed to hold the scintillator



When a set of *m* Bonner spheres is exposed to the same neutron fluence, a set of readings C_1 , i=1,...,m is collected. The neutron fluence Φ and its energy distribution $\varphi(E)$ may be derived by inverting a set of *m* equations, that for computer calculation purposes can be expressed in the following discrete

form:

 $C_i = \mathsf{f} \Phi \sum_{j=1}^{N_g} R_{i,j} \varphi_j \Delta E_j \qquad i = 1 \dots \dots n$

 $\varphi(E)$ is the energy distribution of the neutron fluence normalized to 1 cm⁻² (also termed "unit spectrum").

$Φ_{E}=Φ·φ(E)$

 $R_i(E)$ is the response function of the sphere (in cm⁻²). It is usually derived with Monte Carlo calculations and represents the reading per unit fluence as a function of the monoenergetic neutron energy, E.

The unfolding problem in Bonner Sphere Spectrometry is under-determined, i.e. the number of independent measurements, *m*, is largely lower than the number of unknowns, N_g.

This implies that a set of infinite mathematical functions could satisfy the equation. Nevertheless, only a limited number of them is physically acceptable.

Many codes have been developed for unfolding neutron spectra (Gravel, Maxed, Mitom, Sand)

At LNF we developed the **FRUIT (FRascati Unfolding Interactive Tool)**

The response functions of the active ERBSS were calculated with MCNPX Monte Carlo transport code.

The data were interpolated to produce a response matrix with 120 logarithmic equidistant intervals from 1.5 meV to 1.16 GeV.



The response matrix of the ERBSS was validated in reference neutron fields (PTB, TSL, CERF) and its overall uncertainty was estimated to be $\sigma_{matrix} = \pm 3\%$.

The LNF-ERBSS response matrix

Thank you for your attention