

Multi-laser accelerator facility ELI Beamlines: Laser Safety Challenges

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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 2017.
- Areas with various combined hazards and laser safety challenges.





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Facility Layout





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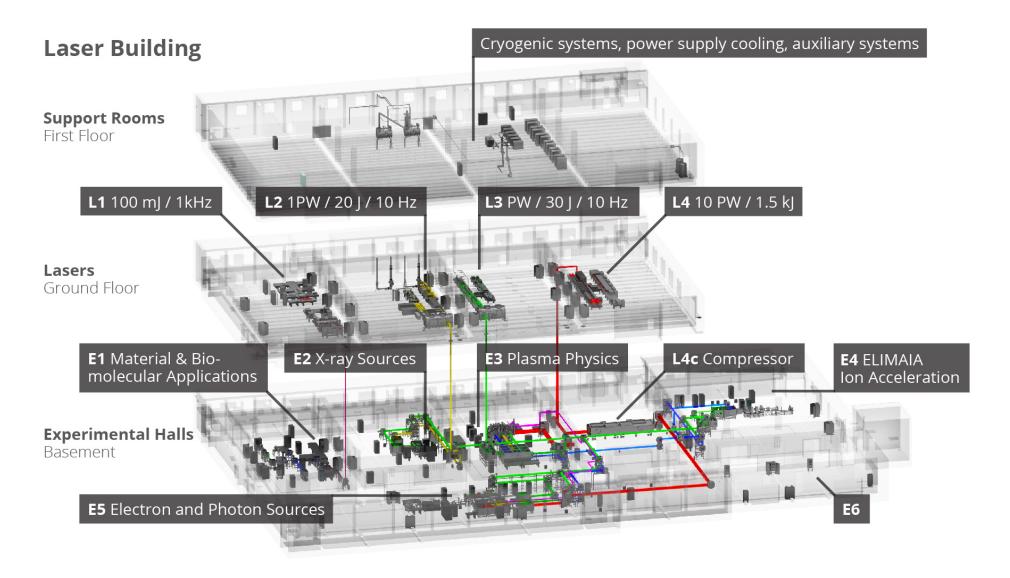


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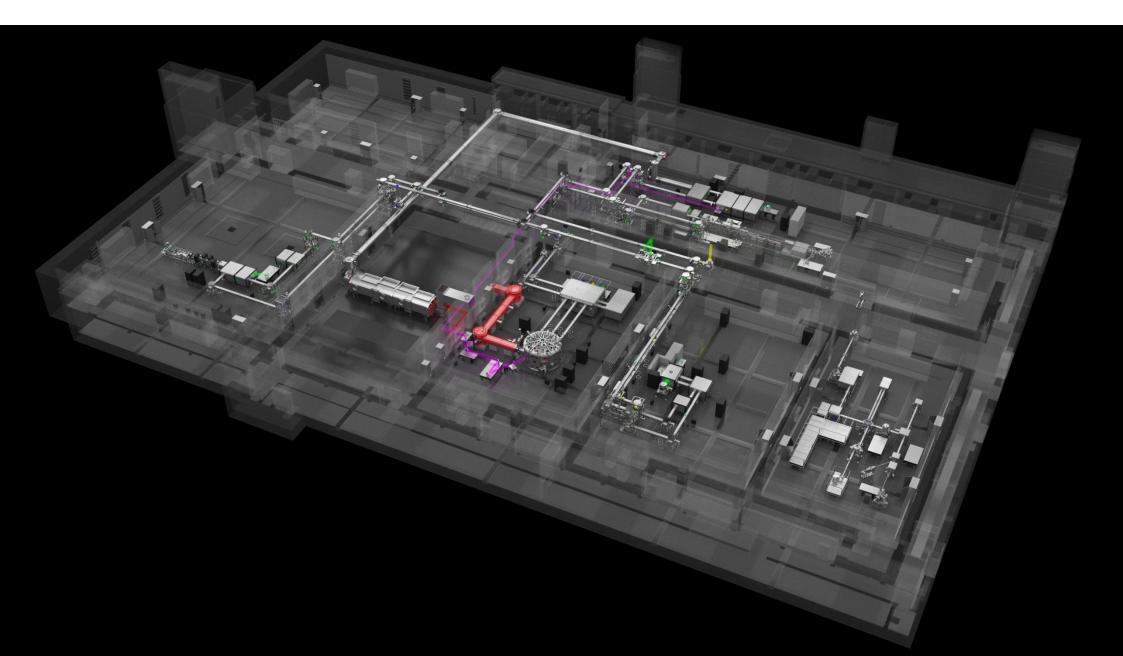


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Facility in 3D





Laser Systems

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	\leq 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



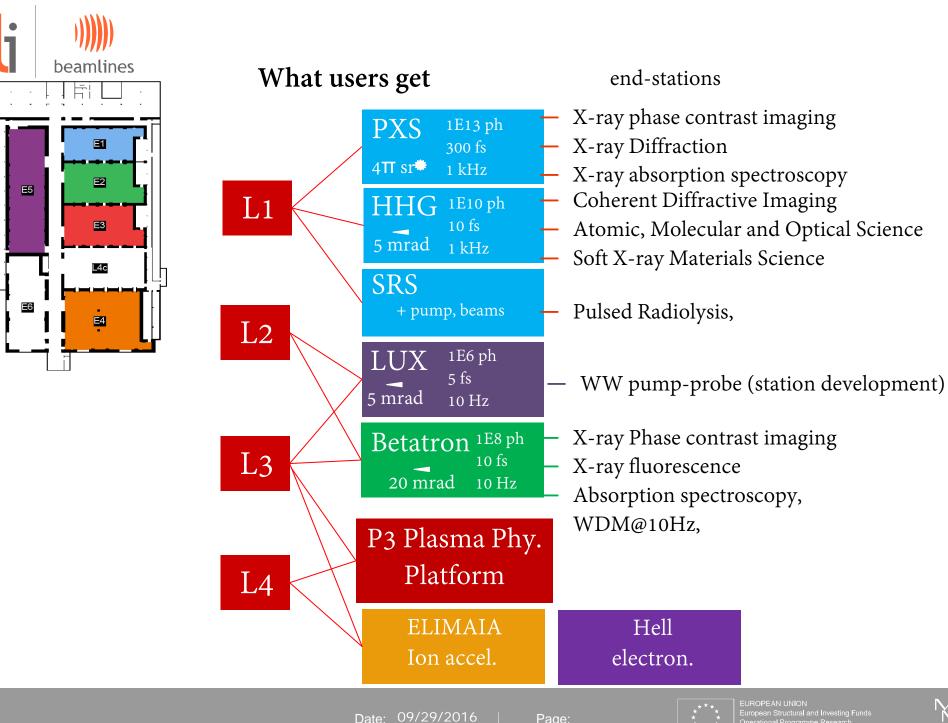


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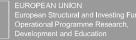


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Hazard Analysis

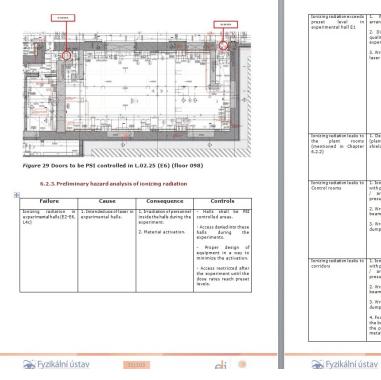
- Preliminary Hazard Analysis¹
- Hazards identified:
 - Ionizing radiation,
 - Laser radiation,
 - High voltage systems,
 - Flammable and toxic gases,
 - Oxygen depleting gases,
 - Vacuum,
 - Pneumatics,
 - Ozone,
 - Biohazards,
 - Nanomaterials,
 - Chemicals,
 - Electromagnetic pulse (EMP),

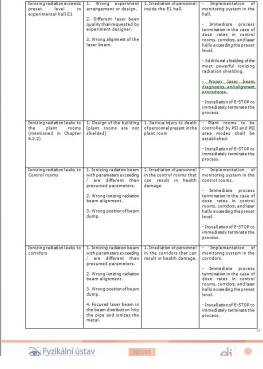
¹CCPS. Guidelines for Hazard Evaluation Procedures, 3rd Edition. 2008

- Magnetic field,
- Cryogenics,
- Robotics,
- Radioactive materials.

Identification:

- Failure
- Causes and consequences
- Controls: Engineering vs. Administrative
- Affected areas





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Laser safety challenges

- Ultra short pulsed laser system eyewear selection challenge
- Complex laser beam transport system flexibility increases but safety becomes more complicated
- Laser beam transport system complexity brings more safety requirements on its parts (switchyards etc.) to reach appropriate safety level.
- Up to 3 different laser systems (L2, L3, L4) are to be used simultaneously in the Experimental Halls more complicated safety system
- Laser beam parameters set limits to the material choice for shutter gates











Laser safety controls and measures: General

- Physical barriers:
 - Enclosures, curtains, walls, tubes, shutters
- Control and safety systems:
 - Integrated Safety System, Machine Safety System, Monitoring System
- Regime:
 - various safety modes of the room to ensure personnel safety
- Administrative controls:
 - clear procedures and manuals, different levels of training, PPEs
- Responsibilities:
 - appointment of LSO, responsibility distribution (to manage to works and operate Integrated Safety System











L3: HAPLS - High-Repetition-Rate Advanced Petawatt Laser System

- <complex-block>
- HPW mode: ≥1 PW, ≥30 J, ≤30 fs, 10 Hz, λ=820 nm
- Laser Hall 3
 - Drives stations:
 - Betatron e^{-} (E2)
 - -Plasma Physics Platform (E3)
 - ELIMAIA p⁺ (E4)
 - HELL e^{-} (E5)
 - LUX e⁻ (E5)
 - Complex beam transport system
 - 3 switchyards, 1 injection chamber



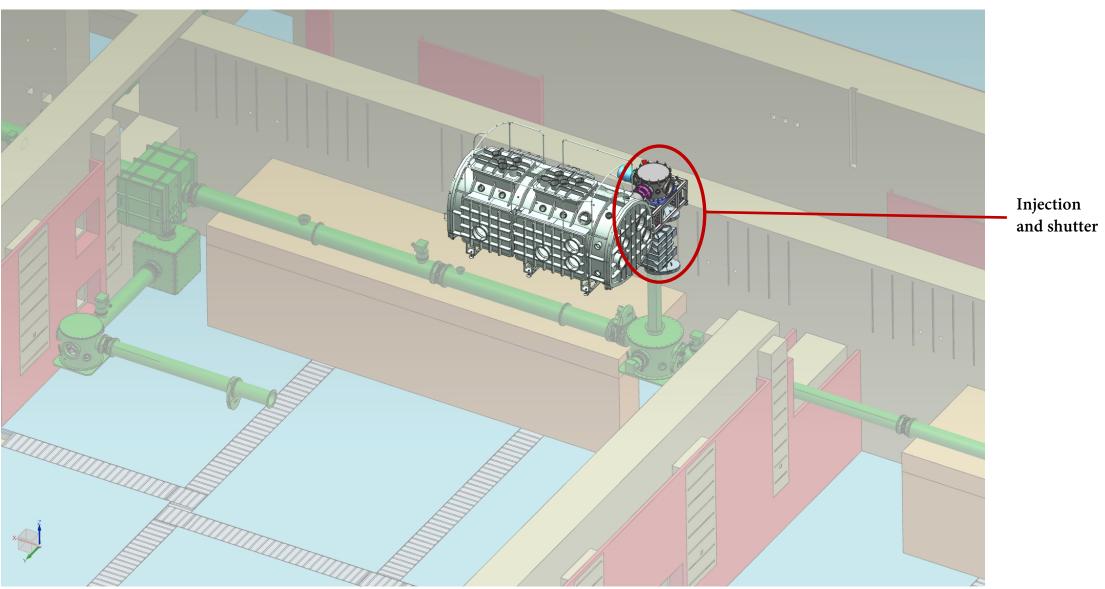






L3 Beam Transport System: optical compressor and injection







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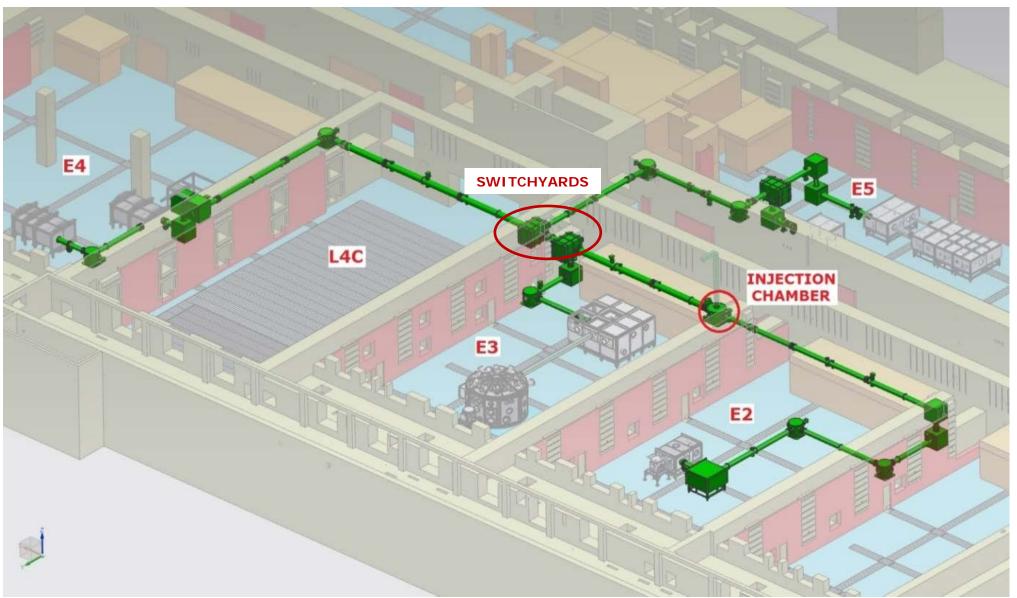


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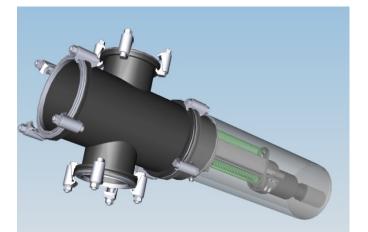
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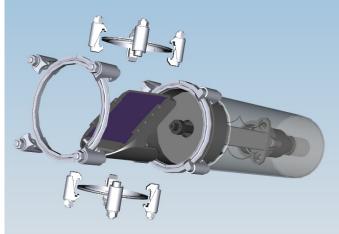


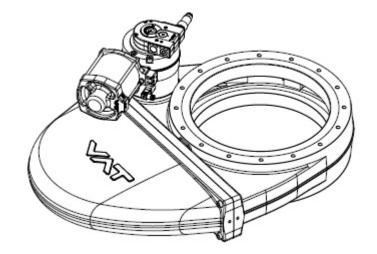


L3 Beam Transport Shutters

- Used to separate the rooms from the beam distribution during the operation.
- Two types:
 - "mirror" type with beam dump (fast) L3 Hall
 - vacuum valve (slow) beam transport system in Experimental Halls
- Not safety device operated by control system
- Safety sensors connected to integrated safety system monitored by safety system







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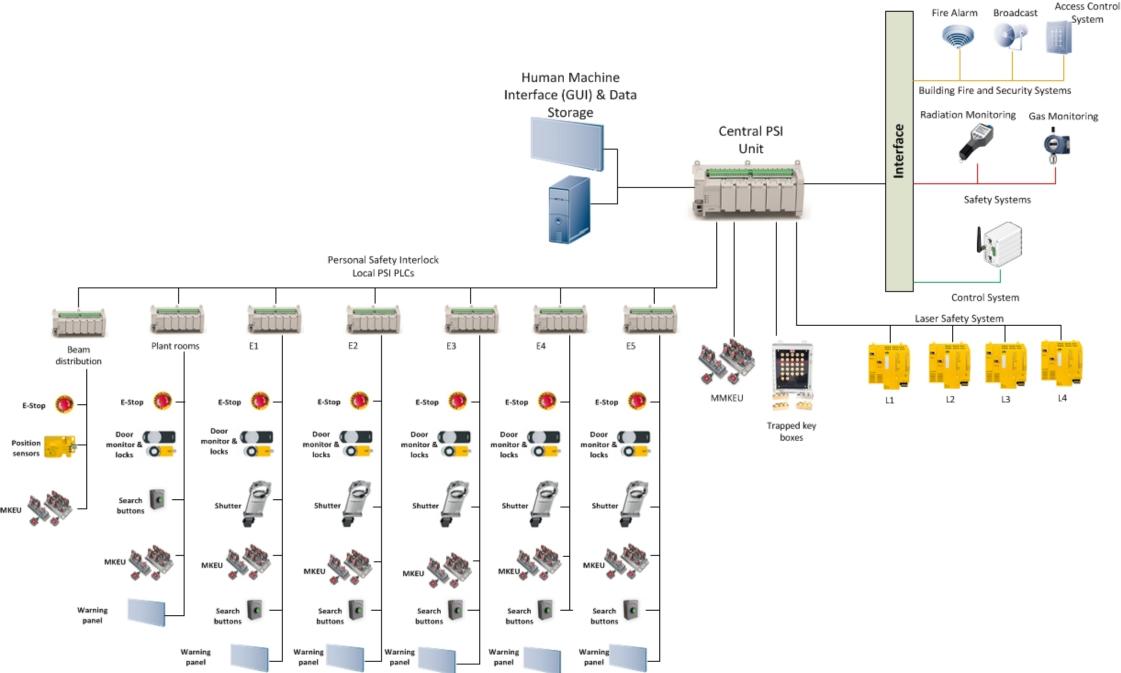




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Integrated Safety System - Scheme







Area modes in corresponding experimental halls

- Area safety modes: E-Stop, "Closed", Safe, Alignment, Search, High power, Post-experimental
- Safe mode:
 - no laser hazard
 - no eyewear required
- Alignment mode:
 - low power laser hazard (however Class IV): L3 alignment mode or CW alignment laser
 - eyewear required
- High power mode:
 - laser hazard: \geq 1 PW, \geq 30 J, \leq 30 fs, 10 Hz, λ =820 nm
 - ionizing radiation hazard ACCESS DENIED



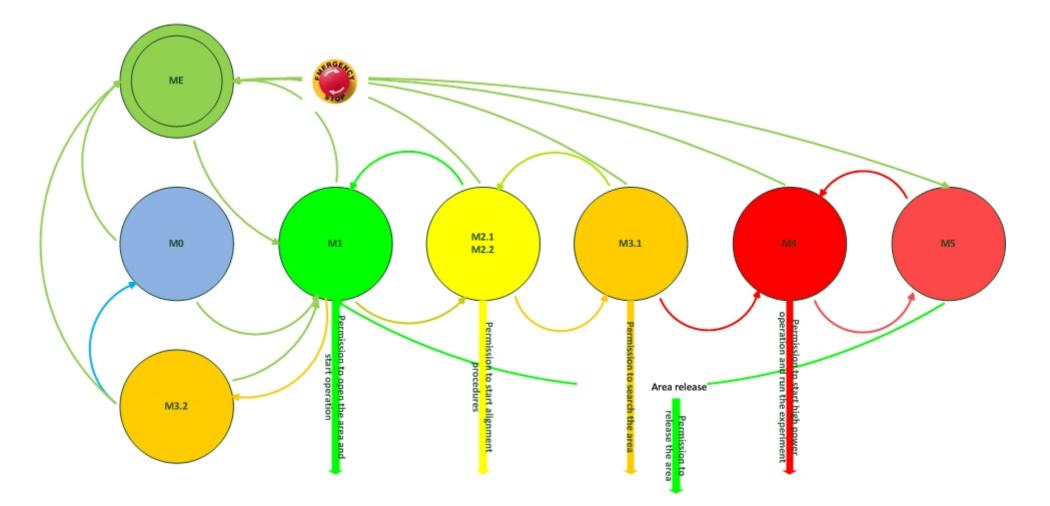






Integrated Safety System: State machine

State machine for Experimental Halls E2 – E5





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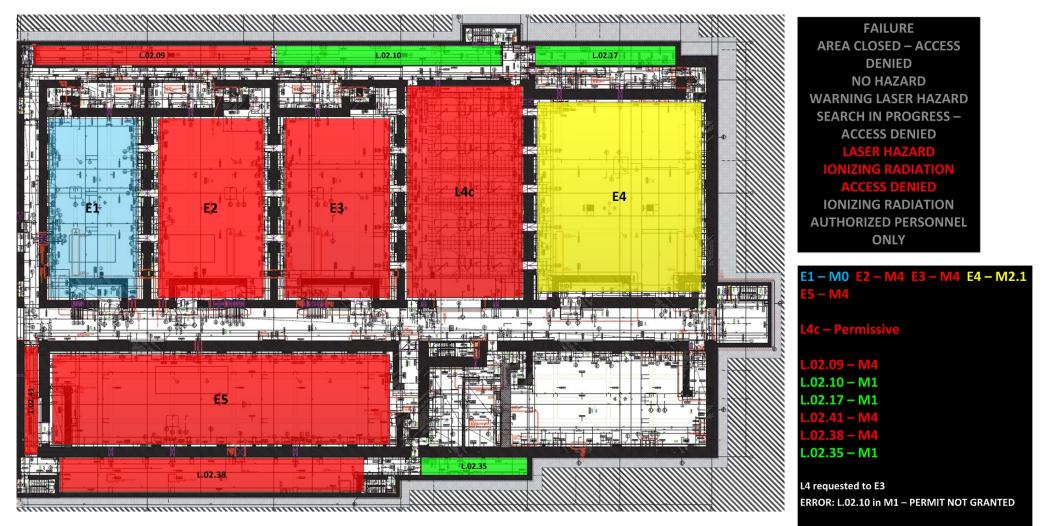
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Integrated Safety System – Operation

E3 Operation – M4 (High Power Mode): Error





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- Safety Modes:
 - -No emission
 - Low power
 - High power (confined)
 - Service mode (high power laser hazard unconfined)
- Integrated with facility Integrated Safety System
- Pilz PLC based

Laser Safety System in L3 Hall



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Conclusions



• Eyewear:

- proper eyewear selection Experimental Halls
- restricted access Laser Halls (based on safety modes)
- Laser beam transport:
 - robust Integrated Safety System that will still enable to operate comfortably
 - cautious design of the system
- Shutters:
 - proper selection of shutter gates (coating, design etc.)
 - integration of non-safety devices into Integrated Safety System



HiLASE laser laboratory



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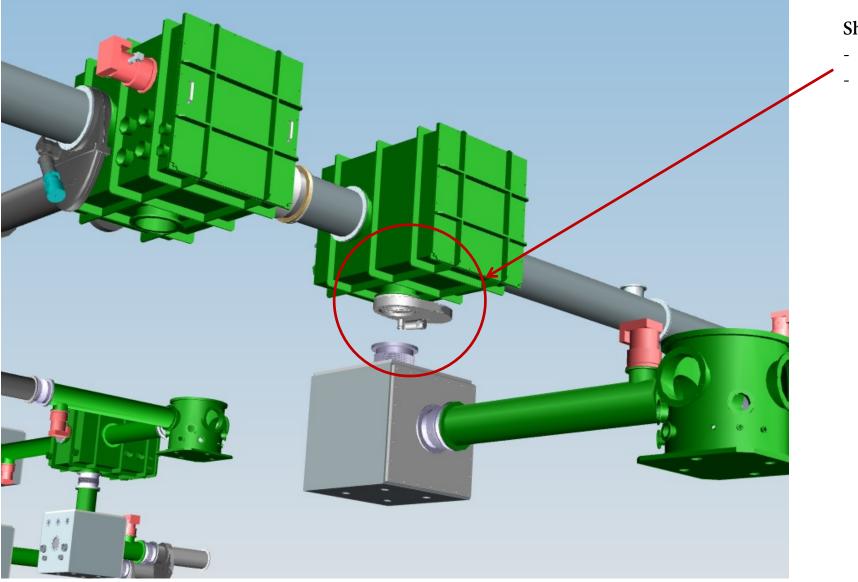








Shutters



Shutter in E3:

- line to P3 chamber
- Directly under the switchyard



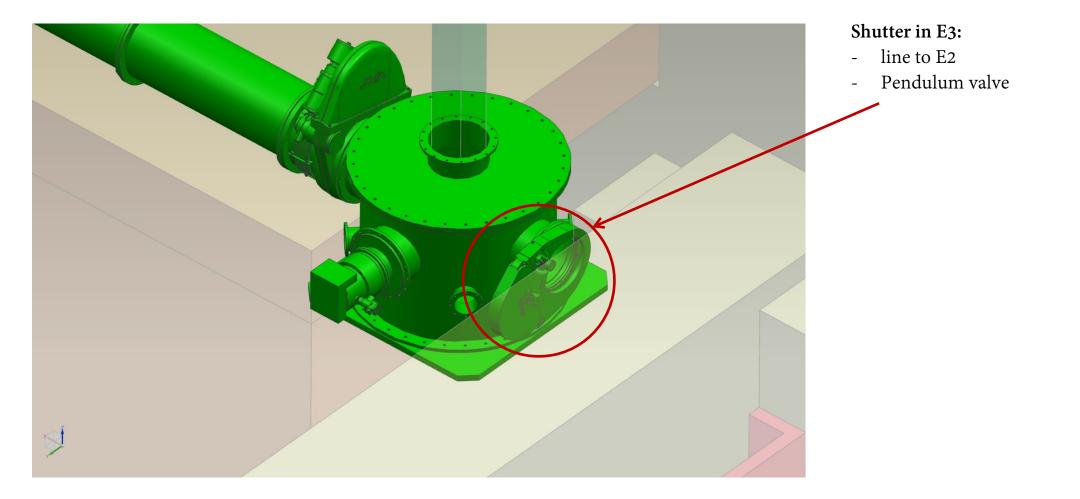
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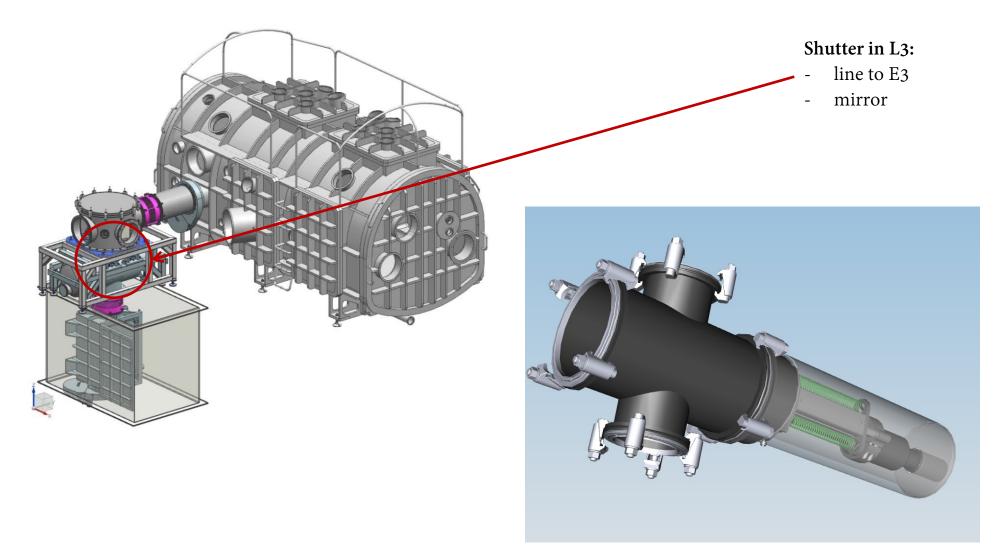








Shutters



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