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Paul Scherrer Institut – Mission





Political embedment



Synoptic view over Switzerland's university landscape





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NUM in a nut shell

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• Responsible for the **operation**, **development**, **and scientific exploitation** of the **neutron and muon instrumentation** around the High Intensity Proton Accelerator (HIPA)





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Units	Headcount	FTEs
NUM staff + U.O.	10	8.2
LTP	65	61.0
LNS	47	45.4
LMU	19	19.0
LIN	45	43.0
LMX	30	29.9
Total NUM	216	206.5

and in addition about 31 FTEs based at PSI from associated research institutions







SANS-LLB

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Order of magnitude of performance increase (over SANS-II) for soft matter

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Novel reflectometer AMOR

Orders of magnitude of performance increase for growing field of thin films/ heterostructures



NEUTRA

Higher flexibility: Access to higher flux positions and use of higher resolution detectors



POLDI

5x performance increase for engineering diffraction



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PAUL SCHERRER INSTITUT S μ S -- Upgrades 1/2

MIXE Setup (Germanium array for nondestructive testing "GIANT")



- Reproducible
- Automatic LN2 refill
- 5 min sample change
- Max 8 freely rotating arms
- Max 4 BigMac HPGe per arm
- Digitizer 16Kanal, 2V/5V, 250 MSPS, 14-bit, 128 MSample/Kanal, MAW filter, (Struck SIS3316-250-14 VME)

FLexible Advanced MuSR Environment (FLAME)

- DR stick insert (T = 25 mK 300K)
- Warm bore 3,5 T SC, cryogen free
- Zero field $B < 5 \mu T$
- 10 ppm homogeneity, XYZ shim coils
- XYZ SC vector magnets (20 mT)
- Plastic scintillators with SiPM readout
- Active forward / backward vetos
- Time resolution: 160 ps
- Minimal sample size: 2x2 mm²
- Minimal sample mass: >12 mg











LEM upgrade "Super µE4"

- Upgrade μE4 beamline in 2025/2026 to increase LEM rate by 50%: smaller samples, higher external stimuli (illumination, electric fields), faster measurements, T_{min} = 100 mK (2.5 K now).
- Phys. Rev. AB 25, 051601 (2022), minimum fringe fields in LEM
- Delivery of all magnet parts by beginning of 2024

Vertex reconstruction using Si pixel detectors

Prototype test beam time in September 2023

• 4x4 MuPix11 chips (Heidelberg)

(b)

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Courtesy of T. Rudzki and Z. Salman

CHRISP: intensity frontier with pions, muons, UCN

Precision experiments with the lightest unstable particles of their kind



CHRISP -- High intensity Ultracold Neutron Source



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UCN – Present Situation



Situation after 12 years of operation:

- One of the two central flaps is defective, causing a large He leak into the storage volume. The flap remains permanently closed!
- ☺ The second central flap is already showing a small He leak.
- The sD₂ moderator container has developed a cold leak through which helium flows into the vacuum of the storage volume.



Project: EZE (Ersatz Zentral Einschub)



Projekt EZE

Major NUM Project in NUM: 'L-Project'Budget:about 1.55 Mio CHFstart:01.01.2023end:2027



Proton Irradiation Facility PIF

Main functions:

- user-lab for studies of radiation effects
- realistic simulator of space radiation environment
- source of mono-energetic particles
- radiation qualification of space technologies
- calibration of detectors
- application oriented and user-friendly facility
- part of ESA "European Component Irradiation Facilities ECIF"







Main parameters:

- proton energy range: 6 230 MeV
- proton flux range: $10^2 10^9 \text{ p/s/cm}^2$
- Gaussian-like profiles (FWHM 9 cm)
- options: focused (6mm) or flat beam profiles

Operation and User:

- ~120 test days/y with ~60 experiments/y
- ~150 visitors/y from about 40 institutions: research institutes, universities, aerospace and electronic industry from CH, EU, CHN and US
- main users: ESA and CERN





ESS Neutron Instruments

Swiss contribution:

- Total 165.6 MCHF (~3.5% until 2026)
- In-kind instruments fully provided by PSI (34 MCHF)





Instrument Estia

EUROPEAN SPALLATION

SOURCE

EMDAL

eflectometer

ument

- Reflectometer optimized for small samples (~1 mm²)
- Focusing neutron optics (Selene Guide) for high intensity and low background
- Full polarization analysis
- Usable wavelengths 3.75 Az
- Versatile bandwidth selection (14 Hz, 7 Hz, 4.66 Hz)
- → diffusion processes (batteries)
- \rightarrow magnetic particles
- \rightarrow heterostructures





Estia Science Case

- Focusing reflectometry
 - tiny samples down to 1 mm²
- Full polarization analysis
- High intensity for sub-s measurement on standard size
- Sample environment
 - low-T
 - high magnetic fields
 - solid-liquid interfaces
- Horizontal scattering geometry
 - extended sample space
 - convenient access
 - q up to 2 Å⁻¹



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IMPACT: HIMB + TATTOOS



- Complete rebuild of existing target station and beamlines for 100x improved muon intensities reaching $10^{10} \mu^+/s$.
- Research topics:
 - Searches for rare muon decays
 - Improved materials science with muons: faster, smaller/multiple samples, higher pressure
 - High-brightness muon beams
 - Research with high-rate, low-energy negative muon beams

- ...

Split Capture Solenoids for Muon Collection



- Two normal-conducting, radiation-hard solenoids 250 mm away from target to capture surface muons
- Central field of solenoids up to 0.45 T
- Graded-field capture solenoid for improved muon collection: stronger field at capture side, weaker at exit



MUH2/MUH3 Beamlines



- Layout of target and beamlines:
 - New TgH at the same location as current TgM
 - 90 degree angle of muon beamlines with first bend in the upstream direction
- MUH2 for particle physics using high-transmission solenoid based beamline
- MUH3 for µSR solenoid based beamline until experimental area; couples into existing beamline





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Spin-off: products out of fundamental research





Synchrotrons, world-wide

Applications in materials research as state-of-the-art X-ray detector