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How to get to Paul Scherrer Institute

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By Air
Flughafen Zürich
- At Flughafen Zürich (Zurich Airport) take the train at the SBB railway station to Brugg AG.
- Get off in Brugg and take the bus (see “By Rail and Bus”).
- Travel time approx. 75 minutes.

Flughafen Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg
- At Basel EuroAirport take the Airport bus line 50 to Basel SBB Bahnhof (railway station), then take the train to Brugg AG.
- Get off in Brugg AG and take the bus (see “By Rail and Bus”).
- Travel time approx. 1 hour 40 minutes.

By Car
Via Brugg
- Follow the signs to “Koblenz”.
- After “Lauffohr” turn left towards “Remigen/Villigen”.
- After 500 m turn right towards “Villigen”.
- About 1 km after the village of “Villigen” PSI West is located on the right hand side.
- To reach PSI East, cross over the river Aare.

Vienna
- Follow the signs to “Koblenz”.
- At the roundabout after “Siggenthal Station” turn left to PSI. You will arrive at PSI Ost (East).
- To reach PSI West, cross over the river Aare.

GPS Coordinates
N 47° 32.317’
E 008° 13.808’

By Rail and Bus
At Brugg AG railway station (railway line from Zurich to Basle/Berne) take the bus line 376 Brugg–Villigen PSI–Böttstein–Döttingen.
- Bus stops near the entrances PSI West or PSI Ost (East).
- Travel time approx. 20 minutes.
- Timetables: http://www.sbb.ch

By Air