Cover photo: PSI scientists Peter-Raymond Kettle and Stefan Ritt in front of the beamline guiding the muons to the MEG experiment, which looks for the rare decay of a positive muon into a positron and a photon. (See page 36 for details)

PHD students Vadim Davydov und Steven Van Pelegrin at the neutron instrument POLDI at SINQ. This instrument allows the non-destructive determination of residual stresses in machine components.

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Dear Reader,

Prehistory is divided into the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. With each new material, the human race took an important step forward in its development. Today, we are concerned with designing and analysing advanced materials with new functionalities, for application in fields as diverse as communications and energy technology, transportation, construction and medicine. Using the most advanced super-microscopes conceived and realized at the Paul Scherrer Institute, researchers are studying the static and dynamic structures of such materials in the finest detail, in order to thereby establish the foundation of tomorrow’s technologies. Of particular topical interest are research projects on materials for application in the field of energy, for example for improving batteries for future electrically powered vehicles. The goal here is to increase the range of the vehicles and the lifetime of the batteries, and materials for such batteries are being developed and tested at PSI, together with industrial partners. The realization of commercial products, however, will be left to industry. Another example is in the field of catalysts. Environmentally harmful compounds, such as nitrogen oxide and sulphur dioxide produced in an engine, are transformed into nontoxic gases through catalytic conversion. Catalytic converters are, unfortunately, expensive, since they contain precious metals, such as platinum. Research at PSI aims at discovering cheaper and more efficient alternatives. Needless to say, our local industry will directly benefit from such developments. The examples mentioned above from materials research serve to improve existing products. The technologies are near to marketable products, even if it will take a few more years before a customer benefits from the research. In other research projects, scientists are further away from a concrete product and are investigating the fundamental properties of new materials. For example, high-temperature superconductivity has been known since 1986, but the mechanism causing it is still debated. Thus, an important prerequisite is missing, with which even more efficient superconductors could be sought after. The time span between fundamental discoveries and commercial products can be rather long. For instance, physicists discovered electron spin at the beginning of the 20th century. Today, almost a century later, this property is being used in the read/write heads of hard discs. Scientists are now toying with the idea of also using electron spin for data processing in computers. Chips based on spintronics would be faster and energy saving. Last but not least, research is underway to find new magnetic materials and new magnetic nanostructures for hard discs, on which data can be more densely stored and more rapidly retrieved. In a different context, nanostructures are now being produced to develop new imaging techniques for less invasive and more accurate medical diagnosis. The few examples given above illustrate that our scientists at PSI are carrying out research on a vast variety of materials, in order to generate knowledge today from which our society can broadly benefit tomorrow.

Professor Dr. Joël Mesot
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An important political milestone for the realization of the SwissFEL facility was reached on 23 August 2011, when the Parliament of the Canton of Aargau voted in favour of the SwissFEL building site. The legally valid building permit is expected by the end of July 2012.

On 9 December 2011, PSI and Max Daetwyler AG signed a contract of cooperation on the construction and development of undulator components for the SwissFEL. This is a great technical challenge, as extreme mechanical precision is required over long distances, in the presence of extremely strong mechanical forces. Thanks to Swiss governmental measures to mitigate the strong Swiss Franc, preliminary construction of these components has been possible, which has enabled the SwissFEL project to be speeded up.

Two partnerships were signed in November 2011: The first is a Swiss-Swedish Partnership, between PSI, EPFL and three Swedish research institutions, which covers technology development for the next generation of free-electron lasers and collaboration in photon and neutron science. The second, a Memorandum of Understanding between PSI-SwissFEL and the British Science and Technology Facilities Council, will establish a collaborative research effort to enable the exploitation and expansion of the scientific capabilities of the SwissFEL project at PSI.

The collection of user input for the design of the initial set of instruments at the SwissFEL hard X-ray ARAMIS beamline was started in 2011 with two Workshops on Hard X-Ray Instrumentation with the SwissFEL. The first concentrated on spectroscopic experiments, the second on scattering and diffraction experiments. The next step in the instrument design process will be four focused Workshops, to be held at PSI.

On the European level, two new projects have started under the 7th EU Framework Programme with the involvement of PSI-SwissFEL: CRISP and PaNData ODI (http://www.psi.ch/swissfel/).
Major progress was made in SwissFEL R&D during 2011. A first, prototype C-Band accelerating cavity for the SwissFEL main linear accelerator was machined with micron precision in the PSI workshops. High-power testing of this cavity achieved a field strength well above that nominally required. For this test, a new high-power RF test bench was set up at PSI, featuring the first high-power C-band transmitter in operation outside Japan. In the SwissFEL Injector Test Facility, the bunch compressor was installed and commissioned, as was the RF deflecting cavity for bunch-length and slice emittance measurements. The technically very challenging design of the support frame for the undulator of the ARAMIS beamline was completed and production of a prototype was started by industry. A new technique for the conversion of laser light into Terahertz radiation has provided record radiation field strength for future SwissFEL pump-probe experiments.

Breakthrough for SwissFEL main Linac C-band accelerating systems

One focus of SwissFEL R&D activities at PSI is on radio frequency (RF) systems for the main linear accelerator. On top of stringent technical requirements, overall system cost and electrical power consumption of these systems is critical. A large fraction of the overall SwissFEL cost, and more than half of SwissFEL’s power consumption, is related to these RF systems, which use C-band technology operating at 5.72 GHz. This technology was pioneered by our colleagues at the KEK and SPring-8 laboratories in Japan. For SwissFEL, this technology is being further refined and adapted to satisfy SwissFEL’s specific needs. The technical concept and parameters for these systems were defined in the previous year and reported on in the PSI Scientific Report 2010.

During 2011, C-band hardware development moved into full swing, in a common effort by the RF Group in PSI’s Large Research Facilities Department (GFA) and the workshops operated by the Mechanical Engineering Sciences Division (AMI) within PSI’s Logistics Department (LOG). A first accelerating cavity was machined and vacuum brazed in the AMI workshops (Figure 1). Low-level RF measurements of this cavity confirmed the achievement of an impressive mechanical precision of the order of micrometres. The prototype cavity is shorter than the nominal 2m structures, because of the length limit imposed by the present PSI vacuum-brazing furnace.

A new furnace for nominal-length cavities has been ordered and will be delivered to PSI in summer 2012.

A new high-power RF test-stand was set up in PSI’s OBLA building for testing C-band prototypes at nominal field strength level, and beyond. This is the first high-power C-band source in operation outside Japan. The prototype cavity has been power processed without problems, to an accelerating field of 35MV/m for an input power of 45MW. This is well above the maximum accelerating field of 30MV/m required for SwissFEL. This shows that the cavity surface quality and production cleanliness are appropriate for SwissFEL purposes.

Parallel to hardware development, a study along with industry was launched and completed, establishing the production concept for the series of 104 C-band cavities required for SwissFEL.
SwissFEL injector – bunch compressor and deflecting cavity

During the summer of 2011, the 12-metre-long bunch compressor was installed in the SwissFEL Injector Test Facility (Figure 2). The bunch compressor is based on a 4-dipole magnetic chicane in which the electron bunches are longitudinally compressed, typically by a factor 10. The compression must be applied in a controlled way, to avoid deterioration of beam quality. To explore different compression regimes and select the best operational settings for SwissFEL, a sophisticated mechanical design allows the bending angle of the chicane to be modified between 0 and 5°, with a positional reproducibility of 1 μm. Along the dispersive arms of the chicane, two BPS stations allow direct measurement of the electron beam energy, and a screen placed between the central dipoles is used to visualize the beam. The basic mechanical and magnetic functionality of the compressor were successfully tested with the beam on. The diagnostic components associated with this assembly, and providing non-destructive monitoring of the longitudinal parameters of the beam, will be implemented in successive shut-downs in February 2012. A second, important diagnostic tool commissioned in 2011 [1] is the RF deflecting cavity. This allows direct visualization of the longitudinal profile of the electron bunch, projected onto a screen monitor intercepting the transverse...
sally deflected bunch (Figure 3). This tool is essential for controlled adjustment of bunch compressor parameters and for analyzing the slice properties of the electron beam.

Status of the undulators and transfer line

After 400 m of acceleration and careful compression, the electron bunch (Figure 4) enters the undulator line, where the FEL process effectively takes place. The electron bunch follows a sinusoidal trajectory in the undulator segments and radiates light as it propagates through the undulator. The co-propagating radiation field in turn induces micro-bunching by slowing down some electrons and accelerating others. This leads to the enhancement of the radiation field (FEL process), because the micro-bunches emit coherently.

In order to have an effective FEL process, the electron bunch must preserve the transverse overlap with the radiation field and remain in phase with this field. This means that the electron trajectory should oscillate around a straight line of about 10 % of the beam size (i.e. 1 μm) over the entire 60 m of undulator line. In addition, the magnetic field amplitude along the 265 magnet periods in each of the 12 undulator segments must be shimmed within 10−4 of the peak field, which corresponds to a mechanical adjustment of the pole gap on a sub-micron level. Finally, to allow control of the radiated wavelength, and also to compensate for electron energy losses during the FEL process, the overall gap of a module must be controlled with a precision of less than one micrometre.

All these technological challenges will be achieved with the new SwissFEL undulator design (Figure 5). The mechanical support which provides this precision will be produced by the
company MDC Max Daetwyler AG (Bleienbach). In parallel to the undulator segments, the design of beamline components has been launched or completed. For example, the first prototypes of the focusing quadrupole magnets are expected in 2012 (Figure 6). The beam dump shielding, which will absorb all the 5.8 GeV electrons generated by SwissFEL, has also been simulated and designed (Figure 7).

SwissFEL Terahertz Source

Substantial progress was achieved in the development of a powerful Terahertz (THz) laser. A novel generation scheme has successfully been pioneered at PSI, which is based on organic nonlinear crystals [2, 3] (Figure 8). When used in combination with a strong near-infrared laser, these organic crystals transfer energy from the fundamental laser into the THz frequency regime, and intense electro-magnetic single-cycle pulses in the Terahertz frequency regime have been demonstrated (Figure 9). These low-frequency fields have a field strength exceeding 1 MV/cm, which is one of the highest values reached by laser-based THz sources. The availability of such strong Terahertz radiation opens up new opportunities, both for scientific applications as well as for the advanced photon diagnostic tools required for SwissFEL. With the help of these THz pulses, the femtosecond X-ray FEL pulses will be characterized shot-by-shot and will provide information about the X-ray temporal pulse shape and pulse arrival time to the users. These two variables are most relevant for experiments in which ultrafast dynamics are being explored.

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Planning of the initial set of experimental stations at the SwissFEL is underway, in close collaboration with the growing user communities. A particularly elegant technique for the structural determination of macromolecules in solution is Cross-Correlation Scattering, and a theoretical framework for this method is being developed and experimentally verified, using artificial nanostructures and synchrotron radiation.

Phase-I Science Facilities at SwissFEL

The first coherent photons from SwissFEL, in the hard X-ray range (2–12 keV), will arrive in the Spring of 2017. At this time, commissioning and pilot experiments will begin at “Phase-I” experimental stations, operated sequentially. These stations are now being defined, based on the SwissFEL Science Case [1] and on discussions with the future users. Regarding the latter, two Workshops on “Hard X-ray Instrumentation at the SwissFEL” were organized at the University of Bern on 12 September and 21 November 2011 and were attended by a total of 120 participants; the result is a booklet [2] containing 35 poster presentations. A series of follow-up, station-specific Workshops [3] has also been scheduled for the first half of 2012. The present state of planning for three Phase-I, hard X-ray, experimental stations – ES-A, ES-B and ES-C – is presented in the following. The placement of these stations in the three hard X-ray experimental SwissFEL hutches is under discussion.

ES-A: General-Purpose Pump-Probe

Station ES-A is foreseen to cover the general themes: liquid-jet serial nanocrystallography, time-resolved chemical spectroscopy and time-resolved scattering on molecules in solution. The design of this station is similar to the “CAMP” chamber [4] at the LCLS in Stanford.

In liquid-jet serial nanocrystallography (see Figure 1), sub-micrometre crystals, generally proteins, are carried into the evacuated measurement chamber by a micrometre-sized jet of liquid, travelling at a typical velocity of 15 m/s [5]. With a concentration of $10^{10}$ crystals/ml, an unsynchronized, focused XFEL pulse will hit a crystal with a probability of several percent. This hit rate could be increased by synchronizing the jet and the XFEL, and the SwissFEL team is investigating the possibility of detecting individual incoming crystals and adjusting the timing of the subsequent SwissFEL pulse by ±5 μs to guarantee a hit.

Photoionization by an XFEL pulse, which carries 0.5 mJ of energy, will destroy the nanocrystal via “Coulomb explosion” [6], but, for XFEL pulses shorter than 50 fs, the inertia of the exploding crystal allows unperturbed scattering data to be collected (“diffract-and-destroy”) [7].

An additional possibility is to photo-excite the incoming nanocrystal, e.g. with a sub-ps 800 nm laser pump pulse, and, by varying the pump-probe delay, to build up a dynamic time-sequence of molecular structures.

Time-resolved spectroscopic chemical studies [8] will also be made possible at ES-A. By the inclusion of a downstream spectrometer [9] it will, for example, be possible to perform single-shot X-ray near-edge spectroscopy (XANES) experiments as a function of the pump-probe delay. The SwissFEL machine design will include a special “broadband” mode of operation, with an FWHM bandwidth of up to 4%.

Finally, the same 2D detectors used for nanocrystallography will allow cross-correlation scattering from molecules in solution (see next Section) to be performed, also in a pump-probe scheme. The short XFEL pulses will effectively freeze the molecular motion during each exposure.
ES-B: Pump-Probe Crystallography

For performing pump-probe crystallographic studies of large, inorganic samples, station ES-B will be equipped with tilt stages to vary the crystal and 2D-detector orientations. Cooling of the sample with liquid helium will be provided. In order to avoid excessive sample damage, either a strongly attenuated XFEL beam must be used, or the beam must be moved between shots to a fresh spot on the sample. A possible design for ES-B is that of the Berkeley chamber [10] at the LCLS (see Figure 2).

ES-C: Cryogenic Coherent Diffraction

Station ES-C will make use of the high transverse coherence of the SwissFEL pulses to determine the molecular structure of fixed 3D and 2D biocrystals and to image biological tissues at high resolution. This approach, similar to that used in transmission electron microscopy, will be to attach the small samples, perhaps in a regular array, to thin, low-scattering substrates. Cooling to liquid nitrogen temperature will stabilize the sample in vacuum and reduce the effects of accumulated radiation damage.

Crystallography at ES-C will make much more efficient use of scarce bio-material than the liquid-jet approach. It will also be possible at this station to investigate 2D membrane protein crystals (see Figure 3), perhaps taking optimal advantage of the XFEL coherence by using the “ptychography” method [11]. Single-shot “lensless-imaging” exposures [12] of non-crystalline bio-samples should yield a sub-10-nm, resolution, which is competitive with transmission electron microscopy (TEM).

X-ray Cross-Correlation-based 2D structure determination

The cross-correlation method proposed by Kam in 1977 [14] allows 3D structural information of a particle to be assessed by accumulating data extracted from a large set of (noisy) scattering images on single- or multi-particle random configurations. The procedure has been the subject of renewed interest with the advent of X-ray Free-Electron Lasers, which may provide the required photon flux. We performed an analogous 2D pilot experiment, simplified to be feasible at a synchrotron source.

In Coherent X-ray Diffraction Imaging (CDI), the 2D electron density of an object can be reconstructed from its scattering image with a phasing algorithm, provided that the image in reciprocal space is sufficiently oversampled and that a sufficient signal-to-noise ratio is achieved. The cross-correlation method can be applied if such conditions cannot be met, which typically happens when only low-signal random multi-particle scattering images can be acquired. The key point is the accumulation of data from different images to evaluate the cross-correlations. In 2D, the scattering pattern of a single particle is then unambiguously determined. Here, we report on the practical application of the procedure, which culmi-
nated in the reconstruction of the 2D electron density of a 350 nm gold nanoparticle exhibiting 4-fold symmetry (see [15] for a similar study).

Methods
The sample for the experiment, prepared at PSI-LMN, consisted of a Si₃N₄ membrane covered by nominally identical 2D gold nanostructures in random position and orientation, as shown in Figure 4. The X-ray data were acquired at the SLS cSAXS beamline. The membrane was scanned, so that a large number of different nanoparticle random configurations were illuminated by the X-ray beam and the corresponding scattering images acquired, thus simulating snapshots of a “2D liquid”.

Let \( I_{\alpha}(q,\phi) \) be the scattering intensity in the \( \alpha \)-th image, expressed in polar coordinates \((q,\phi)\) around the image centre, and let \( I_{\alpha,k}(q) \) be the \( \phi \)-Fourier components. The first-order cross-correlation, which is equivalent to the particle’s powder pattern, was then calculated as

\[
C^{(1)}(q) = \langle I_{\alpha,0}(q) \rangle \approx_0
\]

where \( \langle \cdots \rangle_0 \) denotes the average over all the images. The second-order cross-correlation was computed following the formula [14]

\[
C^{(2)}_k(q_1,q_2) = \langle I_{\alpha,k}(q_1) I_{\alpha,k}(q_2)^* \rangle_{\alpha}
\]

for \( k \neq 0 \). A similar definition holds for the third-order cross-correlation.

The single-particle scattering pattern \( S(q,\phi) \) in 2D reciprocal space, was fixed through its \( \phi \)-Fourier components \( s_k(q) \), derived from the cross-correlator identities

\[
C^{(0)}(q) = N s_0(q)
\]

and

\[
C^{(2)}_k(q_1,q_2) = N s_k(q_1) s_k(q_2)^*
\]

(again, a similar identity holds for the third order). \( N \) is the average number of illuminated particles, which turned out to be \( N \approx 20 \). The 2D electron density \( \rho \) was finally recovered using \( S \) as input for a phasing algorithm, implementing \( |\rho|^2=S \), within a compact support constraint.

Results
Figure 5a displays an example of a single diffraction image, which shows the weak \( \phi \)-fluctuations in the intensity \( I_{\alpha}(q,\phi) \) that contribute to the second- and third-order cross-correlations. Figure 5b presents the calculated single-particle scattering pattern \( S(q,\phi) \), and Figure 5c presents the recovered 2D electron density. The horizontal and vertical sections indicate a resolution of approximately 20 nm.

Discussion
Our results represent first convincing proof of the principle of 2D structure determination based on the cross-correlation method, whereby the crucial features for its successful application are hidden in the technicalities of solving unambiguously the cross-correlation identities to extract the \( s_k(q) \) coefficients. The upcoming challenge is to execute the experiment in 3D, which is accompanied by practical and computational complications. Extension to particles in solution will, in addition, require a sufficient number of scattered photons within the rotational correlation time of the particles, which makes it logical to choose the FEL as the X-ray radiation source.
Figure 5: (a) Example of a multi-particle scattering image. (b) Single-particle scattering pattern $S(q, \phi)$, reconstructed using the cross-correlation method from 3751 multi-particle scattering images, acquired at different positions of the membrane. (c) 2D charge density $\rho$, obtained by applying a phasing algorithm to the data of (b).

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[3] For information on the individual experimental station Workshops, see http://www.psi.ch/swissfel/swissfel-workshops.
The following articles briefly describe a large variety of topics investigated at PSI in 2011, including the results of fundamental research and the development or improvement of cutting-edge technology. Most results were obtained at one or more large-scale facilities – at PSI or elsewhere. In biology and medicine, for example, neutrons were used to examine how plants store water around their roots as well as how vesicles containing drugs can be made to release their charge at a well-defined location, while synchrotron light was used to determine in detail the chemical processes taking place when light enters the eye. In materials science, experiments with muons showed that some materials completely change their magnetic properties according to how many crystal layers they are composed of, and synchrotron light helped to improve our understanding of the processes leading to the deactivation of a nickel catalyst in fuel cells. The results of experiments at PSI and at CERN are putting significant constraints on new models and theories of particle physics. Experiments at CERN with PSI as a partner improved our understanding of processes leading to the creation of aerosols in the atmosphere, which is partly triggered by cosmic rays. At the solar tower of the Plataforma Solar de Almería in Spain, PSI scientists successfully demonstrated a process using solar energy to convert organic waste into high-quality synthetic gas – a precursor for fuel production. In the field of nuclear power, experiments on hydrogen stratification at PSI’s thermal hydraulics facility PANDA made a significant contribution for validating the computational tools used for assessing nuclear power plant safety. Finally, an example from technological development is the creation of Fresnel lenses that can focus radiation produced by an X-ray free-electron laser without being damaged. Such lenses are essential for many planned experiments at SwissFEL.
10 Years of science at the SLS

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The average lifespan of synchrotron facilities being twenty-five to thirty years, it might be argued that the Swiss Light Source, after its first ten years of operation, has become middle-aged. Nonetheless, the SLS still shows the character traits of a youngster, thanks to some unique properties of its storage ring and beamlines.

During the first ten years of its existence, the SLS has generated numerous breakthroughs across the natural sciences. Although the SLS has fewer beamlines (18) than most other medium-energy synchrotron sources, its science has remained highly competitive, thanks to a well-trained and motivated staff, continuous upgrades of the beamlines and the extraordinary stability and reliability of the source.

In structural biology, three beamlines have produced, over the years, numerous highlights, including Nobel Prize-winning work on ribosome complexes (V. Ramakrishnan, Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2009). Recently, a facility for combined crystallisation and X-ray diffraction screening of protein crystals has been added to the beamline X06DA (collaboration with PSI’s Department Biology and Chemistry). To better serve the users,
a remote access mode is being developed, while on-site industrial services are being provided by both staff and the spin-off company Expose. The beamline X06S is being upgraded to feature a microfocus for protein crystallography.

The SLS facilities for X-ray imaging and tomography have received a sharply increasing number of users. The TOMCAT beamline features a robotized platform for high-throughput tomography and specializes in ultrafast tomographic imaging. Various imaging modes are available, where one of them – differential phase contrast (DPC) – has been adapted to serve in the future in a contrast mode in hospital-based mammography. An article on this promising clinical application is given later on in this report – pp. 20–21.

Materials science and condensed matter physics are covered by several beamlines. The oldest one, the Materials Science beamline X04SA, has been upgraded, with an undulator source replacing the wiggler and with improved optics (this report, pp. 24–25). The new station for soft X-ray angle-resolved photoemission at the ADRESS beamline X03MA produced in 2011 some amazing 3D Fermi surfaces. This station shares beamtime with the RIXS spectrometer, which continues to produce fascinating spectra showing momentum-dependent spin and orbital excitations in correlated electron systems. High-quality dichroic spectra on magnetic systems have been reported by X-Treme at beamline X07MA, and the beamline PEARL (X03DA) has received its first light. Scientific highlights at the beamline for Interface and Surface Microscopy (X11MA) include the observation of ‘magnetic monopoles’ on nanopatterned ‘Kagome’ lattices [1].

The chemistry programme of the Laboratory for Catalysis and Sustainable Chemistry (LSK), operated jointly with the General Energy Department (ENE) at PSI, is gaining momentum with in-situ studies of catalysts and with VUV photoionisation studies of gas-phase molecules. Progress has been made on the development of a hard X-ray nanoprobe for chemical imaging (this report, pp. 26–27).

In this report, you will also find contributions on technologies enabling our photon science applications. Internationally acclaimed are our development programmes in the X-ray pixel detector area and in diffractive X-ray optics. Another technology is lithographic nanofabrication in polymers in a joint venture with the University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland in Windisch (this report, pp. 42–43). The spin-off companies Dectris (Baden) and Eulitha (Windisch) have successfully brought these technologies on the market.

The SLS also serves as a breeding ground for innovative science at our future X-ray free-electron laser, SwissFEL. Our scientific staff are regular users of the laser facility LCLS (at Stanford, California) and its high-brilliance X-ray pulses have been used for time-dependent investigations of the forces driving particular phase transitions in correlated electron systems (this report, pp. 22–23). Other activities include the development of optics for focusing (this report, pp. 40–41) and measuring the wavefronts of coherent X-ray pulses, and the design of undulators and X-ray optics for SwissFEL. R&D is also being pursued on field-emission arrays for the production of low-emittance electron beams for XFELs.

The next ten years of photon science at PSI will offer unique opportunities for multidisciplinary science at both SLS and SwissFEL. For going from one facility to the other, one only has to cross one bridge!

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Phase-contrast enhanced mammography: A new diagnostic tool for breast imaging

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the world. By investigating native, non-fixed, whole-breast samples with a grating interferometer operated with a conventional X-ray source, we aim to show the clinical relevance of phase-contrast X-ray imaging, a technique that can potentially revolutionize the field of medical imaging. This novel approach can simultaneously record differential phase and small-angle scattering signals of the specimen, as well as the conventional absorption signal. First results from a few patient cases demonstrate that the complementary information obtained improves the diagnostic process for breast cancer and is able to answer clinically relevant, unresolved questions about cancer-invaded regions within healthy tissue, such as distinguishing between (pre-) malignant tissue and post-operative scars.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women and the second leading cause of cancer deaths. International standards for diagnostics and treatment are not stringently followed and it is estimated that 35% of all breast cancer deaths in Europe could be avoided if optimal diagnostic and therapeutic procedures were always applied. During the past few years, phase-contrast and scattering-based (dark-field) X-ray imaging have shown their potential for revolutionizing the radiological approach to breast imaging, because these techniques can detect subtle differences in the electron density of a material and measure the small-angle scattering power generated by the microscopic density fluctuations in the specimen [1–5]. However, studies on the application of such techniques using human specimens have been limited to either formalin-fixed biopsy samples [6, 7] or synchrotron-based approaches [8, 9].

In our work – and for the first time ever – we investigated native, non-fixed whole breast samples with a conventional X-ray source and a Talbot-Lau grating interferometer [10], which can simultaneously record absorption, differential phase and small-angle scattering signals. The demonstrator (see Figure 1), named mammoDPC and designed and constructed at the Paul Scherrer Institute, has been operated according to an imaging protocol as similar as possible to in-vivo situations, to explore the clinical potential of this novel technique as far as possible. In collaboration with the Kantonsspital Baden – the largest hospital in the eastern part of the Swiss canton of Aargau – native breast tissue was obtained directly after mastectomy and mounted into a
A dedicated, cooled breast-tissue holder designed to provide adequate compression of the tissue compared with the in-vivo situation. Ex-vivo mammograms and mammoDPC imaging were then performed at the hospital and at the Paul Scherrer Institute, respectively. Standard histopathological examination followed the mammoDPC acquisition. All results (MRI, ultrasound, in-vivo and ex-vivo mammograms, and mammoDPC) were then discussed in regularly-scheduled interdisciplinary meetings, including radiologists, pathologists, breast surgeons, and physicists.

In the past year, more than 30 patients were examined with the above protocol, and preliminary clinical results of the first 5 patients have been published [11]. The results indicate that phase-contrast and scattering imaging with an X-ray tube-based configuration have the potential to provide additional and useful information to complement and improve breast cancer diagnostics in the clinical application. Samples with different breast cancer lesions (such as invasive ductal and lobular breast carcinomas) or diagnostically challenging cases (for instance, tumour-invaded scars) have been successfully investigated using the mammoDPC method. Results from this clinical trial show that this novel technique is able to contribute to improved tumour visualization, to the detection of skin invasion (a detailed case is shown in Figure 2) and to better discrimination between scars, inconspicuous breast tissue and invasive tumours.

In summary, for the first time, native breast tissue has been investigated with an emerging differential phase-contrast imaging technique based on a conventional X-ray source. Preliminary results confirm that this new approach can provide improved diagnostic information and therefore presents its potential capability to revolutionize current radiological methods for breast imaging in the near future.

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Figure 2: In vivo mammography (a) showed low-tissue density and a suspicious node that included microcalcifications. It indicated only indirect signs that the tumour infiltrated the skin. Ex vivo mammography (b) of the mastectomy sample did not indicate any skin infiltration. Results of mammoDPC coded into a colour image (c) revealed that it was highly likely that the tumour invasion continued into the skin.
The coupling between competing electronic and structural orders in strongly correlated electron systems is behind many interesting effects, such as high-Tc superconductivity, colossal magnetoresistance, and multiferroicity. Recently, pump-probe resonant and non-resonant X-ray diffraction have emerged as suitable techniques for studying such systems with atomic resolution on a femtosecond timescale. We have investigated both structural and magnetic order-order phase transitions and found that these transitions can be driven by short-pulse optical excitation. These results may contribute to the development of switching functional properties of solid-state devices by light.

Crystalline solids in which local charges, orbitals and spins are brought into a spatially long-range ordered lattice exhibit rich electronic behaviour due to the complex interplay between single-site electron occupation and nearest-neighbour intersite coupling. Upon external stimuli, such materials can undergo phase transitions which generally involve abrupt changes in the long-range arrangements accompanied by symmetry-breaking effects. The time scale required for this symmetry breaking is determined by an inherently dynamic effect, which should, in principle, limit the speed of such phase transitions, but so far the nature of this limit has not been explored. We have used pump-probe X-ray diffraction with femtosecond time resolution to find evidence that a sudden electronic excitation can, in fact, drive a non-equilibrium, order-order phase transition on sub-picosecond time scales, where both the mother and daughter phases maintain long-range order. In the following, we present two examples.

Structural phase transition

In the first experiment, the structural dynamics of the phase transition in La$_{0.42}$Ca$_{0.58}$MnO$_3$ (LCMO) manganite has been studied at the FEMTO slicing source at SLS, using X-ray diffraction with a time resolution of 200 fs [1]. At room temperature, LCMO is paramagnetic, with perovskite structure of orthorhombic $Pbnm$ symmetry. Upon cooling, it undergoes a phase transition, at $T_{CO/OO} \approx 240$ K, to a charge (CO) and orbitally (OO) ordered phase, in conjunction with a structural transition where the staggered O-octahedra at the Mn$^{3+}$ sites due to the Jahn-Teller (J-T) distortion induce a doubling of the unit cell. This leads to additional weak superlattice (SL) Bragg peaks. Promotion of $e_g$ electrons at the Mn$^{3+}$ sites by 800 nm laser pulses should trigger a non-thermal melting of the CO-OO order and hence a structural order-order phase transition via relaxation of the J-T distortion. This indeed is supported by our data, shown in Figure 1, where the time dependence of a SL reflection is shown for various fluences. At low excitation fluences, we observe the excitation of a coherent phonon that
involves motion of the La/Ca cations. At high fluence, a complete phase transition occurs within ~ 1 ps, demonstrated by the disappearance of the SL reflection. The simultaneous increase of the regular-lattice Bragg intensity is proof that we are observing a structural order-order transition and not a simple laser-induced melting of atomic order. To directly prove that J-T relaxation upon CO-OO melting is driving the transition, a time resolution below 50 fs is needed to measure the coherent phonon modes of the O-octahedra. This could be the dynamical limit for the structural phase transition. Resonant X-ray diffraction can additionally reveal whether the underlying melting of the electronic order happens even faster. We will start this investigation at the LCLS free-electron laser in Stanford, California.

Magnetic phase transition

In the second experiment, the dynamics of the collinear-to-spiral antiferromagnetic (AFM) transition in multiferroic cupric oxide CuO has been studied at the LCLS free-electron laser with a time resolution of 300 fs [2]. Below 213 K, this system shows collinear AFM order commensurate (CM) with the lattice. In the range 213–230 K, the magnetic order becomes non-collinear AFM, with a period incommensurate (ICM) with the lattice. This magnetic order-order transition is triggered by 40 fs optical laser pulses at 800 nm, and fs X-ray pulses tuned near the Cu L$_3$ edge (930 eV) are then used to monitor the magnetic diffraction peaks that correspond to each phase as a function of time. Over the initial 300 fs, both the CM and ICM peaks show a sudden decrease due to laser-induced magnetic disorder. Afterwards, the phase transition itself starts after an onset time $t_p$. As shown in Figure 2, this onset time decreases with increasing excitation fluence. At very high excitation levels, the onset time saturates at 400 fs, strongly suggesting that this is a limiting time for the transition. Interestingly, this limiting time scale corresponds to the time required for a $1/4$ oscillation of a 1.6 ps spin wave as measured by inelastic neutron scattering. This seems to imply that the first step of the transition is limited by dynamics: the fundamental time required for the long-range magnetic ordering to change. This is analogous to the structural phase transition where the minimum time scale is often expected to be a fraction of a phonon period.

Outlook – SwissFEL

Time-resolved X-ray diffraction methods can track the evolution of structural and electronic order in non-equilibrium phase transitions with atomic resolution on a femtosecond time scale. Phases in correlated electron materials can be tuned by varying an external parameter such as temperature, pressure, magnetic field, electric field, or the density of electrons by chemical or photo doping. Flexible pump and probe beams, in terms of energy, polarization and pulse length, will be available at SwissFEL. To take advantage of these advanced features, we propose to construct a dedicated endstation to pursue these experiments with much improved (10 fs) time resolution. The long-term goal is to achieve an understanding similar to that of equilibrium phase transitions, where the type (universality class) of transition is defined by the symmetry of the order parameter, the range of the interaction, and the dimensionality of space.

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The Materials Science Beamline upgrade

Research at the Materials Science beamline at the SLS is primarily concerned with determining the atomic structures and changes therein of crystalline substances, in particular nanoscale materials, pharmaceutical and catalytical systems, and structures confined to surfaces and interfaces. The MS beamline has undergone a comprehensive upgrade of its X-ray source and optics, leading to a more than thousand-fold increase in X-ray brilliance. It now provides both a smaller (100 × 20 μm²) and a more parallel (160 × 32 μrad²) beam. In addition to significant improvements in the established techniques of powder diffraction and surface diffraction, new opportunities have become possible with regard to experiments with high time resolution and under high applied pressure.

After more than 10 years of very successful operation, the Materials Science (MS) beamline [1] at SLS has been updated with a state-of-the-art undulator source and optics. The new undulator operates in-vacuum and is cryogenically cooled to achieve the high magnetic field necessary for reaching X-ray energies as high as 40 keV on a “medium-energy” storage ring such as the SLS [2]. Compared with the previous wiggler, the new undulator has many advantages: It provides a smaller and more parallel beam and produces less heat in the X-ray optics, which in turn results in a better energy resolution; all of these improvements mean that more difficult scientific questions can be answered.

The new undulator

The U14 undulator was developed and designed in collaboration with the Japanese Synchrotron SPring-8 facility and Hitachi Metals (Figure 1). It is the shortest-period undulator manufactured to date in the world, which meant that several new engineering solutions had to be developed for it. These will also be useful for the future SwissFEL undulators.

Figure 1: The cryogenically cooled undulator (U14) of the MS beamline.

Figure 2: Schematic of the new optics setup. The first crystal, X1, selects a specific wavelength \( \lambda \) from the incident polychromatic X-ray beam, which is then redirected by X2. Two subsequent mirrors allow focusing of the beam and remove higher-order light.
New source, new optics

Although the new undulator has six times lower total power than the previous wiggler, the power density is 17 times higher, making efficient thermal management necessary. For these reasons, a new X-ray optics configuration was essential. The new optics are shown schematically in Figure 2. The incident beam is monochromated using a double-crystal monochromator (DCM). Horizontal and vertical focusing is achieved using a sagittal bender mechanism for the second DCM crystal, X2, and dynamic bending of the second mirror, M2, respectively. Mirrors M1 and M2 also remove higher diffraction orders.

Performance

The new undulator produces radiation which agrees well with the predicted values. As an example, the energy of the harmonics is plotted vs. the undulator gap in Figure 3. Harmonics are observed up to \( n = 19 \), proof that, despite the short period of only 14 mm, the magnetic field is very precisely periodic.

New opportunities

Because the undulator radiation is more parallel and the source size is smaller, the beam can be focused far more tightly on the sample. This means that more photons can be used for an experiment, opening up new vistas in several directions, especially in the fields of time-resolved studies and radiation-sensitive experiments in conjunction with the revolutionary Mythen microstrip detector [3]; in high-pressure studies where the beam has to enter the small diamond aperture of the pressure cell; and in so-called “total-scattering” experiments, which require the recording of a very weak signal at high scattering angles. As an example, we show in Figure 4 a nanocrystalline diffraction pattern of the artificial bone material hydroxyapatite. Because of the more parallel light from the undulator, the diffraction peaks are sharper. This leads to a 10-fold increase in agreement between the modelled and the measured intensities.

We will also exploit the increased coherent flux provided by the undulator source in coherent X-ray diffraction imaging experiments away from the forward scattering direction, thereby complementing the facilities available at the cSAXS beamline of the SLS [4].

This upgrade shows how well-selected investments can result in beamlines which become leaders in the field, despite being a decade or more old. Further such upgrades are planned in a comprehensive upgrade for several SLS beamlines in the future. These will ensure the SLS a leading position in synchrotron instrumentation and science for many years to come, despite the growing competition from more-modern storage rings emerging around the world.

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Measuring the fast and the small: New opportunities for structural analysis

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To achieve sustainability in energy and chemicals production and use, new processes must be developed. Modern catalysis research is characterized by the synthesis of structures that are ordered at multiple length scales. Our research focuses on the synthesis of such structures and their characterization at multiple length and time scales. The development of new methods leads to new opportunities for determining structure at the sub-second timescale and at the nanometre scale. A new analysis scheme of time-resolved X-ray absorption spectra upon cyclic excitation leads to quantitative structure determination in unprecedented detail, enabling the detection of minute structural changes. Design and construction of linear zone plates, including those built into a hard X-ray nano-imaging module, enables the detection of chemical speciation and structure at the nanometre scale, promising three-dimensional structure determination at that length scale.

During the year 2011, the name of the Laboratory for Energy and Environment changed to Laboratory for Catalysis and Sustainable Chemistry (LSK), to better reflect its main research themes. Its main goal is to understand and to learn to control functional materials at all length and time scales, but there is a strong focus on catalysis and environmental science. Many research topics reflect the bridging function between the General Energy (ENE) and Synchrotron Radiation and Nanotechnology (SYN) Departments that the Laboratory has. New synthesis methods for (mainly) heterogeneous catalysts are combined with the development and application of characterization tools at the four beamlines of the Laboratory. In 2011, the upgrade of the VUV beamline was successfully completed, which resulted in reproducible alignment, an increased tuning range, and better failure tolerance. The beamline facility will continue its research into understanding combustion processes and extend into the study of surfaces and surface processes, such as catalysis. PHOENIX I, a new beamline for X-ray absorption spectroscopy in the tender energy range (0.8–8 keV) has started user operation. This beamline is specially designed for in-situ studies. Pilot studies addressed problems relevant to catalysis and environmental and energy research, using chemical reactors and a newly developed liquid microjet.

Quantifying the fast

Structural characterization of many processes relevant to energy conversion and storage, catalysis, electronics, and the environment requires sub-second time resolution and analysis at the nanometre scale. X-ray absorption spectroscopy is one of the preferred methods for determining structure. However, traditionally, it has been impossible to determine
the structure of minority species in the sub-second time domain accurately.

New method development at the SuperXAS beamline now enables the quantitative structure determination of only minority species in unprecedented detail. An ENE-SYN collaboration has resulted in a new data analysis scheme for modulation-excited, time-resolved XAS data. The periodic variation (modulation excitation) of the gas environment from reducing to oxidizing around a supported Ru catalyst, used in the methanation of syngas and partial oxidation of methane, has led to minute spectral changes (Figure 1). The newly developed analysis scheme is based on treating the demodulated data as difference spectra that are fitted by two states belonging to each of the two gas environments. The major development is the discovery that, even though the fitting of these two individual contributions may not be exact, the difference between the two is reproduced with much higher accuracy than can be obtained through classical XAS data analysis, and often not accessible by other methods. The coordination number can be determined within 1% and changes in bond distance better than 0.001 Å can be detected and quantified. This breakthrough enables structural determination with extreme accuracy of only that part of a sample, such as catalyst, battery, and energy storage material, that changes. For chemically reproducible systems, such as catalysts, modulation-excitation XAS will allow the quantitative structural analysis of minority species or reaction intermediates that are involved in the reaction under operating conditions, previously thought impossible.

Measuring the small

Hard X-ray nanoprobes are very attractive in many fields of science, including physics and chemistry, bio-medicine, materials, geo and environmental sciences, archaeology, and nano-technology. However, micro- and nano-focusing of hard X-rays represents a considerable optical and technical challenge. Collaborative research between the microXAS beamline project and the Laboratory for Micro- and Nanotechnology (LMN) has succeeded in implementing a pilot unit of a hard X-ray nano-imaging module. This novel nano-focusing module is based on newly developed diffractive lenses delivering spatial resolution with a high acceptance and photon flux gain factor. The new optical scheme consists of two independent, linear Fresnel-zone plates mounted in a tilted arrangement (Figure 2) to achieve efficient and symmetric focusing, even at high energies.

Using a 250 nm X-ray spot, element-specific chemical images based on fluorescence imaging were recorded and two-dimensional nano-diffraction images of 70nm gold structures were pioneered. Element and diffraction imaging of the single-cell organism D. magna exposed to iron oxide nano-particles identified how chemical transformations occur during digestion of the nano-particles (in collaboration with Hanyang University, Seoul, Korea).

The ability to non-destructively investigate (‘image’) heterogeneous, nano-structured zones with unprecedented spatial, crystallographic, and chemical sensitivity using hard X-rays between 5 and 20 keV opens up new and unique opportunities for fundamental and applied research, as well as for engineering. A hard X-ray nano-probe user facility at the microXAS beamline, designed to image samples and analyse them spectroscopically at the nanometre scale, over a tuneable range of X-ray wavelengths, can be expected to have a very wide variety of applications.

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Dimensional control of electronic properties in atomically-thin metal-oxides

Contemporary basic research in the field of strongly correlated electron systems aims at identifying new routes towards future generations of electronic devices. Interesting systems are metal-oxide compounds which display a rich variety of electronic properties due to the presence of strong electronic correlations and promise entirely new functionalities. The dimensionality of the electron system in these materials has a large influence on the electronic and magnetic properties. In superlattices of the paramagnetic metal LaNiO$_3$ and the insulator LaAlO$_3$, we found, by optical ellipsometry and low-energy muon spin rotation, a metal-insulator and antiferromagnetic transition in LaNiO$_3$ with a thickness of two unit cells, whereas thicker layers remain metallic and paramagnetic. Metal-oxide superlattices thus allow dimensional control of the electronic properties of correlated electron systems.

The discovery of high-temperature superconductivity two decades ago initiated extensive experimental and theoretical investigations of the quantum physics of strongly correlated electrons in transition metal oxides (TMO) [1]. Several electronic phases exist in these materials, and the systematic control of the competition between these phases offers the potential for a new generation of electronic devices [2]. However, conventional solid-state chemistry provides only limited control; for example, it uses chemical substitution to modify charge-carrier concentrations, thereby altering the local lattice structure and electronic levels in an uncontrolled way. Also, control on dimensionality is limited, because the synthesized phases of $N$ consecutive layers often turn out to be unstable. Recent advances in the growth of TMO heterostructures by molecular beam epitaxy (MBE) or pulsed laser deposition (PLD) allow the fabrication of atomically sharp interfaces, indicating a promising route toward control of correlated electron systems [2].

The correlated metal LaNiO$_3$ is an interesting candidate for testing the dimensional control of electronic properties. Bulk LaNiO$_3$ is a three-dimensional Fermi liquid [3], paramagnetic and metallic at all temperatures, whereas other lanthanide nickelates ($\text{RNiO}_3$) with smaller electronic bandwidth exhibit collective metal-insulator transitions (MIT) [4]. In the insulating low-temperature phase, a periodic superstructure of the valence electron charge and a non-collinear antiferromagnetic ordering of the Ni spins have been inferred [5]. This implies that the itinerant conduction electrons in LaNiO$_3$ are highly correlated on the verge of localization. Experiments on a controlled number of atomically thin LaNiO$_3$ layers separated by the wide-gap insulator LaAlO$_3$ are thus well suited for testing the effect of reduced dimensionality on the electronic phases of LaNiO$_3$.

Figure 1: Time evolution of muon spin polarization in zero field (A+B) and transverse field (10 mT, C+D) for $N=2$ and $N=4$ SLs of LaNiO$_3$/LaAlO$_3$ on LaSrAlO$_3$. 

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Superlattices (SLs), 100 nm thick, of \( N=2 \) and \( N=4 \) consecutive layers of LaNiO\(_3\) and LaAlO\(_3\) were grown by PLD [6]. Different substrates (SrTiO\(_3\), LaSrAlO\(_4\)) were used to investigate the effect of tensile and compressive strain. The detection of two of the most common collective ordering phenomena, namely charge order and antiferromagnetism, is much more difficult in TMO SLs than, for instance, the detection of ferromagnetism or ferroelectricity, where macroscopic techniques can be applied. Here, the charge transport properties – dynamic electrical conductivity and permittivity – were measured by spectroscopic ellipsometry. Since this technique does not require a continuous current path over macroscopic distances, it is not affected by misfit dislocations and provides much more accurate and reliable results than DC conductivity measurements. For these experiments, a beam of infrared light at the ANKA synchrotron has been used. For the detection of antiferromagnetic order and magnetic volume fractions, muon spin rotation (μSR) is a very powerful tool. The muon, as a local magnetic probe, is extremely sensitive to any magnetic ordering. Usually, muon beams have energies of \(~\text{MeV}\), which is far too high for them to stop in a 100-nm-thick SL. Kinetic energies of only a few keV are required if the positive muons are to be stopped in such a thin layer. At the moment, only the unique low-energy muon beam and low-energy μSR setup at PSI [7, 8] offers the possibility to carry out experiments of this kind. Figure 1 shows the results of the low-energy μSR experiments on SLs with \( N=2 \) and \( N=4 \) LaNiO\(_3\) layers [9]. In A and B, no external field was applied. At \( T>50 \text{K} \), a small Gaussian damping of the muon polarization is visible, which is typical for dipolar magnetic fields generated by nuclear moments of La and Al. In the \( N=2 \) sample, a fast relaxing component starts to develop at \( T=50 \text{K} \), which is absent in the \( N=4 \) sample. The observed temperature dependence of the fast component is similar to the behaviour in bulk NdNiO\(_3\) and (Y,Lu)NiO\(_3\) below the antiferromagnetic transition temperature, \( T_N \), caused by static internal fields from ordered Ni moments. The rate of the fast component of \(~17 \mu\text{s}^{-1}\) reflects a wide field distribution, which, together with the absence of a unique muon precession frequency, originates from several inequivalent muon stopping sites in the alternating magnetic (LaNiO\(_3\)) and non-magnetic (LaAlO\(_3\)) layers. The spin structure might be antiferromagnetic and non-collinear, as in bulk nickelates [9]. Ferromagnetic order can be excluded on the basis of an estimate of the ordered moment, which would result in a macroscopically detectable magnetization of the film. Spin-glass behaviour is ruled out as well, as it would cause a different muon depolarization in a zero field [9].

Figure 2 summarizes the phase behaviour of \( N=2 \) SLs, which undergo a sequence of two sharp, collective electronic phase transitions, which correspond to the onset of charge and spin order, regardless of whether the substrate-induced strain is compressive or tensile. These results demonstrate that full dimensionality control of collective instabilities in metaloxides SLs is possible [9].

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The water balance between atmosphere and land surface is often dominated by the influence of vegetation, and water is a limiting factor in the cultivation of agricultural crops. However, water uptake by plants and its feedback to soil water is not yet understood in detail. Using neutron imaging of plant roots in soils, it is now possible to gain new insights into root-soil interaction. With this method, a new mechanism was found that allows roots to sustain their water supply during dry conditions, which so far had been missed by other methods less sensitive to water. This is about to change the modelling of water uptake and may lead to the breeding of enhanced plants in the future.

Introduction

Soil constitutes the thin interface between the land and the atmosphere, where the largest part of terrestrial life takes place. Water is the main element needed by all organisms, especially by plants, which are simultaneously the key drivers of water moving back into the atmosphere. Also, water in soil is the main vehicle for the movement of nutrients essential to plants. However, how roots take up water from soil is still not well known.

Models of water and nutrient uptake by roots are based on the concept that water flows from soil to roots down a negative gradient in water potential. As the leaves lose water to the atmosphere, negative water potential develops in them, which then propagates into the stem and roots. This creates a water gradient between soil and roots, driving water into the roots. Because of the radial geometry of the flow towards roots, the models predict that the largest gradients in soil water potential occur in the first few millimetres near the roots, the so-called rhizosphere. As plants take up water from soil, the rhizosphere may become so dry that root water uptake is reduced. How easily water flows across the rhizosphere and enters roots depends on the water content in the rhizosphere: a wet rhizosphere will favour water (and nutrient) uptake by roots, whereas a dry rhizosphere may significantly reduce it. But how can the water content in the rhizosphere be measured?

Studying soil-plant interactions has so far been challenging, due to the difficulty of measuring soil water content at distances of less than a few mm around roots without interfering with their function. Due to their high sensitivity to hydrous materials, however, neutron tomography and radiography provide excellent methods for studying the distribution of water in soils and roots in-situ.

Neutron tomography setup

A preceding study had been able to identify a mechanism of increased water content in parts of the rhizosphere [1]. However, only in a very recent investigation [2] with 3D tomography was it possible to prove the presence of high water content in large regions of the rhizosphere for three different plant species. These measurements were performed at the NEUTRA and ICON beamlines of SINQ, at PSI. We grew different plant species (white lupin, chickpea, and maize) in cylinders (height: 100 mm, diameter: 27 mm) filled with a sandy soil. When the plants were 12 days old, we started to scan the samples. We tomographed the samples over the course of 4 days and monitored the changes in soil water content around the roots as they took up water and dried the soil. Plants were grown near the beamlines under controlled light, humidity and temperature conditions. The objective of the experiment was to generate images of the temporal and spatial dynamics of water depletion around the roots, over a range of soil water content.

The spatial resolutions of the tomograms were 80 μm at NEUTRA and 13 μm at ICON (nominal pixel size). The three-dimensional images were processed as follows: Firstly, roots were segmented from the soil. Secondly, tap and lateral roots...
were distinguished according to their different root radii. Finally, we calculated the distance map to the roots and the average water content as a function of distance to the roots.

Results and their implications

Contrary to current models of root water uptake, which predict a drier soil close to roots, we consistently observed higher soil water content closer to roots than far away from them. Since roots take up water from the soil and water must move down a gradient in water potential, the only explanation is that the relationship between water content and water potential in the rhizosphere was different than that in the rest of the soil. In other words, the roots modified the soil in their immediate vicinity, thereby increasing the water-holding capacity of the soil. This means that soil water potential could decrease approaching the root surface, but not necessarily soil water content.

Our results agree with the findings of microbiologists on the difference in the hydraulic properties of the materials exuded by bacteria into their environment. Bacteria are surrounded by extracellular polymeric substances (EPS) that act as a protecting layer against desiccation and fast rewetting. Plant biologists have also reported the presence of similar materials around the roots of plants, commonly referred to as mucilage. We hypothesize that the release of mucilage by roots into the surrounding soil alters the hydraulic properties of the rhizosphere so that it holds more water.

Current models of root water uptake do not account for such distinct hydraulic properties of the rhizosphere. Incorporating these findings could improve the capability of these models in their predictions. The higher water-holding capacity of the rhizosphere is expected to help roots remain hydraulically connected to the bulk soil, favouring water availability to plants in dry conditions. Our measurements have therefore revealed a new mechanism of how plants modify their environment in order to perceive a “wetter” soil and better tolerate drought. This study could have potentially important practical applications, two of which are: breeding plants with high tolerance to drought, and optimizing irrigation schedules to maintain optimal hydrated conditions in the rhizosphere.

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To release drugs from a vesicle carrier, the membrane of the vesicle has been successfully functionalised by small ferromagnetic nanoparticles. These ferromagnetic particles can be used to locally produce heat by applying an external alternating magnetic field in the kHz range. The challenge in functionalising the lipid bilayer with ferromagnetic nanoparticles was mainly to incorporate them without destabilising the vesicle membrane and, secondly, to have a production procedure that was efficient and easy enough to implement.
cargo release is inefficient. To circumvent the conflicting demands of simultaneous high release efficiency and low passive leakage, liposomes have been successfully loaded with magnetic nanoparticles in our research. Via their magnetic properties, cargo release can be triggered by applying high-frequency alternating magnetic fields. These alternating fields are used to locally introduce heat into the system, with the magnetic particles as heat centres. The challenge was then to introduce the magnetic particles efficiently, and in large enough quantities, into the liposome membrane. PEGylated liposomes with $T_m$ far higher than body temperature were used, for which specially stabilized iron oxide nanoparticles were developed. The size of these nanoparticles was fine tuned (diameter < 5.5nm) and they were sterically stabilized with palmityl-nitroDOPA. They therefore spontaneously incorporated into the membranes (Figure 1). These liposomes are colloidally stable and impermeable at body temperature. Repeated application of alternating magnetic fields now allowed the release of cargo to be triggered. These properties were shown to relate directly to the structure and stability of the nanoparticle-lipid assemblies. Because the liposome structure was retained during alternating magnetic field treatment, content could be repeatedly and non-destructively released from liposomes at bulk temperatures significantly below $T_m$ of the liposomes. Consequently, cargo could optionally be released over prolonged times, preventing bursts that would temporarily lead to a local overdose.

To study the nanoparticle-lipid assemblies, several techniques have been applied, such as small-angle neutron and X-ray scattering (SANS, SAXS) (Figure 2), transmission electron microscopy (TEM), differential scanning calorimetry (DSC), thermogravimetry analysis (TGA), dynamic light scattering (DLS) and fluorescence spectroscopy. The combination of all techniques allowed the different steps of the synthesis to be characterised and their functionality regarding the release of a controlled dose of the encapsulated cargo at a specific time and location to be studied.

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Complex spin structures in frustrated magnets

Understanding the diverse ground states, the mechanisms of magnetic ordering and emergent excitations in frustrated magnets is a major focal point of modern condensed matter physics. In a recent study, we combined neutron scattering and Monte-Carlo simulations and identified direct evidence for degenerate ground states in the frustrated diamond lattice antiferromagnet CoAl₂O₄. The observed short-range magnetic correlations were explained within a spiral spin-liquid model by the specific shape of the energy landscape of the system due to competition between nearest and next-nearest neighbour exchange interactions.

In a class of magnetic solids known as spin-liquids, there is no unique ground state which the system would attain at zero temperature. Due to the frustrated geometry of the underlying crystalline lattice, competing magnetic exchange interactions or quantum fluctuations, such systems have highly degenerate ground states, i.e. they fluctuate between many low-energy configurations. The best experimental method for probing spin-liquids is neutron scattering, the technique available at the Swiss Spallation Neutron Source, SINQ, at the Paul Scherrer Institute. A spin-liquid has been predicted theoretically in a classical treatment of frustrated diamond-lattice Heisenberg antiferromagnets [1]. The degenerate ground states in such materials form a set of coplanar spin spirals, which appear as the result of competition between nearest \((J₁)\) and next-nearest neighbour \((J₂)\) exchange couplings.

We have searched for evidence for such a state in the material CoAl₂O₄, a member of the spinel family of crystalline compounds [2, 3]. Powder neutron diffraction (Figure 1), analysed using Monte-Carlo simulations, indicates that the system is weakly frustrated, residing in the vicinity of the critical point \(J₂/J₁=1/8\), at which the spiral spin-liquid state is predicted to develop. Short-range magnetic correlations observed in a single-crystal neutron diffraction pattern (Figure 2) result from an extremely flat energy minimum around the wave vector \(q=0\) and from many low-lying excited spiral states with \(q=<111>\). The magnetic excitations measured using the triple-axis spectrometers TASP and RITA-2 at SINQ are spin waves and were analysed using classical spin-wave theory. Application of a magnetic field significantly perturbs the spiral spin-liquid correlations, and is a topic for our further research.

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Figure 1: Powder neutron diffraction patterns of CoAl₂O₄ collected on the DMC diffractometer at SINQ. Diffuse scattering below the \(<111>\) and \(<200>\) Bragg peaks is a signature of the spin-liquid state.

Figure 2: Single-crystal neutron diffraction pattern obtained on the IN14 spectrometer at ILL, Grenoble. Lorentzian line shapes of magnetic Bragg peaks and diffuse scattering between them indicate the unconventional state.
Alkali-metal intercalated FeSe superconductors

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The recent discovery of iron-based high-temperature superconductors has represented a milestone for research on superconductivity. Coming more than 20 years after the discovery of high-temperature superconductivity in cuprates, this has triggered huge interest, as magnetic ions were thought to be antagonistic to the occurrence of superconductivity. In 2011, much effort by many PSI groups was devoted to the question of how magnetic iron ions can coexist with superconductivity and has led, among other fascinating findings, to the discovery of a new superconductor.

Among the iron-based superconductors, iron chalcogenides, as FeSe, have the simplest layered structure. The superconducting transition temperature ($T_c$) of FeSe is only 8 K, but can be increased up to about 14 K by doping with Te and to over 30 K by applying a high pressure. A large increase of $T_c$ can also be achieved by alkali metal intercalation between the FeSe layers. Following published works on K$_x$Fe$_{2-y}$Se$_2$, a huge effort on the synthesis of intercalated A$_x$Fe$_{2-y}$Se$_2$ was started at PSI, leading to the growth of large single-crystals and to the discovery of superconductivity in Cs$_x$Fe$_{2-y}$Se$_2$ ($T_c \approx 30$ K) [1].

As observed in the cuprates, iron-based superconductors also exhibit interplay between magnetism and superconductivity, suggesting the possible occurrence of unconventional superconducting states. A unique feature of intercalated A$_x$Fe$_{2-y}$Se$_2$ is the presence of robust antiferromagnetism. The muon-spin spectroscopy technique ($\mu$SR) has been instrumental in discovering such a state [2], which is characterized by an extraordinarily high Néel temperature – of the order of 500K.

Another feature of this system is the presence of an iron-vacancy superstructure that, together with antiferromagnetic ordering, has been studied by neutron and synchrotron X-ray diffraction [3].

Hence, by combining the different analysis techniques available at PSI, a comprehensive investigation of the relevant properties of this fascinating new class of superconductors is possible and has been started.

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Figure 1: Magnetisation curves for A$_x$Fe$_{2-y}$Se$_2$ single crystals, with A=K, Rb and Cs showing clearly the superconducting transitions.

Figure 2: $\mu$SR signal on Cs$_x$Fe$_{2-y}$Se$_2$ obtained at 10K. Note the clear spontaneous oscillations revealing a magnetically ordered state.
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Particle physics aims at understanding the nature of the most fundamental particles and interactions. The PSI Laboratory for Particle Physics runs a research programme titled “Precision and discovery physics at low and high energies” with theoretical and experimental activities at the forefront of the field. Major contributions to LHC activities at CERN and unique precision physics experiments at PSI test the present Standard Model of particle physics. Here, the theoretical and experimental highlights in Higgs physics and rare B-meson decays at the LHC and those of the MEG experiment at PSI are summarized. All activities rely on a network of national and international collaborations and make optimal use of PSI’s strengths in technological development and beams of the highest intensity. The comparison of calculations with new measurement results puts significant constraints on new models and theories of particle physics.

Particle physics seeks to identify the elementary constituents of nature, and to discover the fundamental forces acting between these constituents. Ordinary matter and non-gravitational interactions are described by the Standard Model (SM), which comprises two kinds of matter particles (quarks and leptons), three fundamental forces (the strong, electromagnetic and weak interactions) and the Higgs sector as the origin of mass via spontaneous symmetry breaking. The SM constitutes a quantum field theory valid down to microscopic distances of the order of $10^{-18}$ m. The only SM particle that has escaped detection so far is the Higgs boson. The search for this is one of the most important endeavours at present and future collider experiments.

Quarks and leptons are grouped into three families (see Figure 1). The first family contains the electron and the electrically neutral electron-neutrino as leptons, as well as the up and down quarks. The protons and neutrons are built of up and down quarks and form atomic nuclei as strong-interaction bound states. The electron-neutrino appears as a product of radioactive decays. The second family contains the muon and muon-neutrino as leptons, and the strange and charm quarks. The tau lepton and tau-neutrino joined by the bottom and top quarks belong to the third family.

The fundamental forces, i.e. the strong, electromagnetic and weak interactions, are mediated by the exchange of gauge bosons, which are the basic carriers of the forces and observable as particles in collider experiments. The gauge boson of the electromagnetic interaction is the massless photon, while the massive W- and Z-bosons mediate the weak interactions, with a limited range of about $10^{-18}$ m. Strong interactions are described by the exchange of gluons between the quarks. The SM has been extensively tested in experiment and no significant deviation has so far been discovered. Despite the success of the SM, it leaves several questions unanswered and generates several theoretical problems. Some of the latter are deeply rooted in the Higgs sector and can be solved by the introduction of supersymmetry (SUSY). Supersymmetry is a novel symmetry connecting bosons and fermions and has not yet been observed.

Other problems concern the mechanisms behind flavour mixing effects (e.g. mixing of the down and strange quarks) in the

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**Figure 1:** Particles of the Standard Model grouped into 3 families: quarks and leptons, gauge bosons and the Higgs boson. The quarks and leptons interact electromagnetically, mediated by photon ($\gamma$) exchange, and weakly mediated by W- and Z-boson exchange. The quarks interact, in addition, strongly, mediated by gluon (g) exchange. The Higgs boson, $H$, is responsible for mass generation and has not yet been discovered.
The big success of the SM to describe the experimental data is significantly based on very involved calculations of quantum corrections to experimentally measured processes. The Theory Group of PSI’s Laboratory for Particle Physics (LTP) has been involved in the determination of the best available predictions for the Higgs boson branching ratios with a detailed estimate of the residual uncertainties [2]. The results are shown in Figure 2. Depending on the unknown Higgs boson mass \( m_H \), one can read off the probability of the (unstable) Higgs particle to decay into specific final states, such as two photons (\( \gamma \gamma \)), and the corresponding uncertainties given by the sizes of the coloured bands. This work has been performed within the LHC Higgs Cross-Section Working Group that was formed in 2010 to provide the most up-to-date predictions of Higgs boson production and decay processes for the searches at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) experiments at CERN. These calculations and predictions are used by all LHC experiments for the Higgs searches. The observation of the proper branching ratios will be a universal test of any SM Higgs candidates.

The MEG experiment

It is true to say that, over the course of time, the motivation for the search for the \( \mu^- \rightarrow e^\gamma \) decay has changed. Nevertheless, the process itself has always maintained a fundamental role: “Is the electron emitted by the meson with a mean lifetime of about 2.2 microseconds accompanied by a photon of about 50 MeV?”, Pontecorvo asked some sixty years ago.

Lepton-flavour violation (LFV) research is currently one of the most exciting branches of particle physics. Flavour-violating processes, such as \( \mu^- \rightarrow e^\gamma \), which are not predicted by the SM, are very sensitive to ‘new physics’. Neutrino oscillations are now an established fact, which can be accommodated into the SM by including massive neutrinos and mixing. This modified SM, however, predicts non-measurable branching ratios (BR – fraction of particles decaying in a particular way) for lepton-violating decays. Supersymmetric GUT theories naturally house finite neutrino masses and predict rather large, and measurable, branching ratios for LFV decays, which for \( \mu^- \rightarrow e^\gamma \) is expected to be between \( \sim 10^{-14} \) and \( 10^{-11} \) (SU(5) or SO(10) SUSY-GUT models), close to the previous best upper limit set by the MEGA collaboration (BR = \( 1.2 \times 10^{-11} \) at 90 C.L.). Evidence for a \( \mu^- \rightarrow e^\gamma \) decay would be an unambiguous signature of new physics, while a more stringent limit would still have an important impact on the validity of various physics scenarios.

The MEG experiment is designed to achieve, as its goal, a single-event sensitivity of \( \sim 10^{-15} \), two orders of magnitude better than the MEGA experimental limit and within the reach of theoretical predictions.

During 2009 and 2010, a total of \( 1.8 \times 10^{15} \) \( \mu^- \) were collected. A candidate \( \mu^- \rightarrow e^\gamma \) event is characterized by five measured transitions, but the weak interactions do. The quark mixing effects are the only known source for CP violation within the SM. The CP quantum number distinguishes particles from antiparticles. CP violation is one of the necessary ingredients to answer the question of why our universe contains matter and almost no antimatter. However, the degree of CP violation within the SM has so far turned out to be insufficient to explain this asymmetry. A possibility to test the amount of CP violation in nature is to determine the electric dipole moment of the neutron (nEDM). An observation of this effect in the nEDM experiment at PSI would immediately signal new physics. On the other hand, the non-observation of this decay process would imply strong constraints on new-physics models.

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The confidence interval on the number of $\mu^+\rightarrow e^+\gamma$ decays ($N_{\text{sig}}$) is computed based on a frequentist approach, with profile likelihood ratio ordering and converted into a branching ratio value by normalizing $N_{\text{sig}}$ to the number of stopped muons. The observed profile likelihood ratios as a function of the branching ratio for 2009, 2010, and the combined data sample are shown in Figure 3. The analysis of the full data sample gives a 90\% C.L. upper limit of $2.4\times10^{-12}$ [3], which constitutes the most stringent limit on the existence of the $\mu^+\rightarrow e^+\gamma$ decay, a factor 5 better than the previous best upper limit.

The systematic uncertainties for the parameters of the PDFs and the normalization factor are taken into account in the calculation of the confidence intervals by varying the PDFs according to the uncertainties. The larger contributions to the systematic uncertainty come from the uncertainties of the offsets of the relative angles, the correlations in the positron observables, and the normalization. This amounts to a shift of about 2\%, in total, in the branching ratio upper limit. During 2011, the MEG experiment collected a data sample comparable to the 2009+2010 statistics and plans to continue data-taking with the aim of reaching a branching ratio sensitivity of a few times $10^{-13}$ during the next few years.

### The CMS Experiment

$B_s$ particles are bound states of a bottom and a strange quark. They are produced copiously at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) – the proton-proton collider at CERN (Geneva). The fraction that subsequently decays (known as the ‘branching fraction’) into a pair of easily-detected muons is strongly suppressed in the Standard Model (SM) – only about three such decays are expected per billion $B_s$ particles produced. Many extensions of the SM, e.g. supersymmetric models, predict substantial enhancements of this branching fraction, thanks to new particles that would contribute to the decay through virtual quantum fluctuations. Therefore, any enhancement of this branching fraction would be indicative of ‘new physics’.

The PSI analysis team has searched with the CMS experiment for the decays of $B_s$ particles (and $B^0$ particles, the bound state of a bottom and a down quark) to muon pairs using proton-proton collision data collected up to June 2011. A challenging aspect of this search is reducing the very large background from other $B$-hadron decays or particles misidentified as muons. The pixel detector, designed and built at PSI, is a crucial detector to distinguish between signal candidates and background.

The number of candidate decays observed in the available data sample is so far consistent with Standard Model expectations (including both signal and background). Given the
The absence of a significant excess, CMS has excluded (at a 95% confidence level) branching fractions larger than $1.9 \times 10^{-8}$ and $4.6 \times 10^{-9}$ for the decay of $B_s$ and $B_0$ particles, respectively. At the EPS HEP conference (July 2011), this result was combined with the result of the LHCb collaboration to obtain an upper limit of $1.1 \times 10^{-8}$. This is particularly interesting because an excess of the decay of a $B_s$ particle into two muons was reported in June 2011 from the CDF experiment at the Tevatron. Results from the LHC experiments CMS [4] and LHCb do not confirm the CDF results.

The data that CMS collected in the remainder of 2011, and the additional data expected to be collected in 2012, will significantly extend the sensitivity down to smaller branching fractions, eventually to the level of the SM expectation of $3 \times 10^{-9}$.

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Nanofocusing of hard XFEL radiation

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While the X-ray laser SwissFEL is in its planning phase, the development of suitable instrumentation has already started. An international team of researchers, led by PSI, has succeeded in focusing hard XFEL radiation to sub-micron dimensions. In order to avoid damage by the intense radiation pulses, it was essential to produce novel diffractive lenses from diamond. The unprecedented radiation densities in the focus will enable X-ray scientists and biologists to reveal the interaction mechanisms of complex biomolecules.

At several locations in the world, a new generation of radiation source based on the X-ray free-electron laser (XFEL) principle is emerging. In 2010, the Linac Coherent Light Source, LCLS, at Stanford, USA, started delivering first laser pulses in the hard X-ray range and the SACLA source in Hyogo, Japan, went into operation in 2011. Such sources emit extremely short radiation pulses (typically 100 fs (= 10⁻¹³ s)), a billion times brighter than conventional synchrotron sources. The SwissFEL facility planned at PSI will have comparable beam properties, and is expected to give new insights in various fields of science, such as atomic physics, condensed matter physics and ultra-fast femtochemistry.

Diffract and destroy

The highest expectations are of the feasibility of imaging single macro-molecules, such as proteins, with atomic resolution, in order to understand their structure and biological functionality. Such experiments are extremely challenging. As the incident radiation will instantly destroy the molecules, it is essential to collect sufficient scattered intensity from single molecules using only a single laser pulse. This way, the relevant image information can be collected with femtosecond exposure, fast enough to outrun the mechanisms of radiation damage – an approach termed “diffract and destroy”. However, as biomolecules are only weakly scattering, it requires focusing of the already extremely bright pulses into the smallest possible spot, in order to reach sufficiently high radiation levels.

Reflection vs. diffraction

The facilities at Stanford and Hyogo intend to use X-ray mirror systems for high-resolution focusing, while we have pursued an alternative approach based on Fresnel lenses. Instead of

Figure 1: Fresnel lens made of diamond for the nanofocusing of intense X-ray laser pulses. The lens diameter is 0.5 mm, just large enough to collect the full laser beam. The outer ring structures are 100 nm wide.
reflection, these devices focus X-rays by diffraction by ring-shaped grating structures with dimensions of the order of only 100 nanometres, which are fabricated using high-resolution lithography processes on membranes transparent to X-rays (see Figure 1). Such diffractive lenses are commonly used for high-resolution imaging at synchrotron-based X-ray microscopes. However, their application at X-ray lasers had not previously been seriously considered. It was predicted that the tiny nanostructures would be too fragile to withstand the extremely intense XFEL radiation. Indeed, we confirmed in an experiment at the Stanford X-ray laser that conventional Fresnel lenses made of gold nanostructures melted down within seconds of exposure to the full beam of LCLS.

Diamonds are forever

Diamond provides an ideal alternative, due to its unsurpassed thermal conductivity, temperature stability and low X-ray absorption. However, it had never been used as a material for diffractive X-ray lenses, therefore requiring the development of a dedicated nanofabrication process.

In order to enhance the diffraction efficiency, the diamond structures were filled with Iridium by collaborators at the University of Helsinki. It turned out that this combination of a refractory metal in close thermal contact with a diamond matrix can resist the radiation levels of the Stanford X-ray laser. To obtain the maximum possible radiation density, it is crucial to concentrate the X-ray photons onto the smallest possible spot. A measurement of the focal size using conventional methods, such as the scanning of a test structure, could not be applied here. The extreme peak power in the focus would have led to the perforation of any object in the beam. Instead, we used this effect during a first experimental run at the Stanford laser by measuring the size of craters created on a sample surface (see Figure 2) at varying levels of beam attenuation.

A focal size of 320 nm was derived from these experiments as the best value ever recorded with XFEL radiation. Moreover, a record-breaking power density of $4 \times 10^{17} \text{ W/cm}^2$ was achieved. For a molecule at the focal point, this corresponds to a dose of about 10,000 X-ray photons per atom.

Room for improvement

It remains to be seen if this is sufficient for solving the structure of single molecules. The performance of the focusing optics can, however, still be significantly improved. The diffraction efficiency has meanwhile been improved from only 10% to above 30% by stacking two Fresnel lenses on top of each other. In addition, the spot size obtained was limited by the inevitable chromatic aberrations of the diffractive optics. The bandwidth of around 0.2% of the LCLS pulses led to an increase of the measured spot size by a factor of 3 compared with the diffraction-limited value. Newer XFELs, such as SwissFEL, will be based on seeded emission with reduced bandwidth, and should thus enable us to reach smaller foci, of the order of only 100 nm. Improved efficiency and a tighter focus will lead to a strong enhancement of the peak dose available for imaging. Values exceeding $10^5$ photons per atom in a single femtosecond pulse are within reach.

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True 3D nanofabrication in polymers

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Three-dimensional surface topographies have been fabricated using a combination of greyscale electron-beam lithography and thermal reflow. The method is based on the dependence on molecular weight of glass transition temperature variations after exposure and can be used for the fabrication of moulds with both sharp features and continuous profiles. These topographies can be replicated in established mass fabrication processes, such as roll-to-roll and injection moulding. New applications in optical and biotechnology become possible when smooth surfaces with lens- and prism-like shapes are needed.

Current micro- and nanofabrication techniques involve resist patterning methods using photon, X-ray or electron-based lithography. Complex electronic functions can be realized step by step, which is a prerequisite for processors and memory chips in computers and other electronic devices. More and more applications in optics and biotechnology make use of the patterning capabilities of modern lithographic tools, but they are often restricted to the two dimensions given by the ‘black and white’ masking process (called ‘binary’). Simple three-dimensional (3D) shapes, such as lenses or prisms, needed to collect light into the pixels of detector chips in digital cameras, or to direct light into the waveguide of an integrated optical circuit, cannot be fabricated this way. Although modern lithographic tools enable greyscale patterning by dose modulation of the writing beam during exposure, the resulting shapes resemble more closely the continuous step-by-step patterning known from binary lithography than the true 3D patterning needed for prisms and lenses. Thus, alternative technology approaches are required to enable novel products. We have developed a process which enables the fabrication of a variety of true 3D shapes with smooth surfaces (Figure 1) [1, 2]. This is possible because we make use of a physical coincidence in manufacturing which occurs in two fields of patterning techniques for thin polymer films used at PSI: exposure by electron-beam lithography (EBL) and thermal processing by nano-imprint lithography (NIL) [3]. In EBL, the ability of the polymer to be etched by specific solvents when immersed in wet developer solution is highly dependent

Figure 1: Scanning electron micrographs of a variety of 3D shapes in resist fabricated by a combination of greyscale electron-beam lithography and selective thermal reflow (typical lengths of slopes are 2 to 5 µm).
on its specific molecular weight, $M_n$, which corresponds to the length of polymeric chains. Similarly, in NIL, the polymer's ability to move and flow when heated above a specific temperature, characterized by the glass transition temperature $T_g$, depends on $M_n$ too.

Because the molecular weight is modified by exposure, we can selectively etch and flow according to a layout. Since we use the same polymer for both processes (poly (methyl methacrylate), also known as PMMA or Plexiglas), we are able to combine these two processes and to generate true 3D structures with a wide range of shapes. Together with experts from polymer science, we have clarified the underlying polymer physics and were able to define processing windows (Figure 2). This way, we can even smooth out stepped shapes in one area of the masked wafer and leave others unaffected.

This is needed by a growing number of research activities emerged from the technology-driven academic community, as well as application-driven industry. Applications include, for example, optical elements for LED backlighting in flat panel displays as well as enhanced micro- and nanofluidics for the life sciences (Figure 3).

3D applications in industry and research

The process was developed and first used by PSI in the framework of NaPANIL (nanopatterning, production and applications based on nanoimprint lithography), a European-funded Large-Scale Project, together with 16 partners from industry, academia and private institutes (2008–2012) [4]. The project aims to create scalable nanomanufacturing processes for arbitrary 3D surfaces with features well below 100 nm, in the fields of optical components and life sciences. Three innovative industrial applications were selected that need advanced processing techniques for devices with 3D surface structures, for which solutions were not known or lacked the design freedom needed to generate optimized shapes according to their function. In this framework, PSI’s new capability to fabricate 3D structures via selective reflow has contributed significantly towards achieving this goal. The 3D structures will be used to generate stamps which, in turn, can be used in high-volume production, such as hot embossing, roll-to-roll embossing and injection moulding. We will further exploit the capabilities of the patented process in future collaborations, particularly in the framework of the INKA Institute – a joint venture with the University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland, in Windisch.

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Three-dimensional structural analysis is essential for our understanding of biological mechanisms. However, to cover structures at various scales and over different resolution ranges, we need interdisciplinary approaches. In addition to X-ray crystallography and X-ray imaging, biological transmission electron microscopy is starting at PSI. In this article, we want to give an overview of electron microscopy as a method for reconstructing the 3D structure of biological specimens, referring to our recent studies on flagella, which constitute the bending apparatus of eukaryotic cells. They enable cells to swim or cause extracellular fluid to flow through the lung and the kidney.

Visualization of the three-dimensional structure of biological molecules, macromolecular complexes, organelles and cells gives us indispensable information towards understanding the mechanisms of biological functions. Knowledge of a 3D structure also enables us to build strategies for designing drugs. A wide variety of activities for biological structural studies has already been started at PSI, and recently a new methodology was added: cryo-electron microscopy (cryo-EM) and tomography. The possibilities and unique biological insights obtainable by this methodology will be discussed below.

Electron microscopy for biology

X-ray crystallography and NMR (nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy) are two major approaches for analyzing the 3D structure of biological molecules and macromolecular complexes. With these methods, atomic structure can be revealed (at 3.5 Å or higher resolution), which gives us precise knowledge about biochemical reactions occurring inside, or between, biological molecules (see [1] in this report). However, for crystallography and NMR, target molecules (proteins or nucleic acids) must be purified. Molecular structures in the cell cannot be seen with these methods. On the contrary, optical microscopy is a powerful technique for visualizing entire cells and, with antibody labelling or fluorescent tags, locating molecules of interest in the cell. However, optical microscopy cannot achieve enough resolution to reveal the 3D conformation of molecules. Recent developments in X-ray microscopy might enable higher resolution, but it will still be difficult to visualize the 3D structure of molecules in cells. Since biological molecules in our body function through complex and dynamic interactions with other molecules inside the same cell, we are keen to see the molecular structure in such an intact state.

Cryo-EM is a suitable technique for analyzing the 3D structure of highly complex biological molecules and their interactions. A biological specimen is embedded in amorphous ice, either by plunge freezing (for a thin sample, such as one composed of molecules or organelles) or by high-pressure freezing (for a thick sample, such as one of eukaryotic cells). Electron micrographs of a frozen sample are obtained from various orientations and merged to form a 3D image of the structure. There are two practical ways of obtaining images from different orientations. When there are many objects which share the identical structure but show different orientations (for example, purified molecules in solution), it is possible to determine view angles by computation (single-particle analysis). When the target is heterogeneous (such as cells) and there are no other objects with identical structure, different views can still be obtained by tilting the specimen in the microscope. This method uses the same principle as computed tomography and is called electron tomography.

Interdisciplinary biological imaging

As mentioned above, X-ray crystallography, NMR, EM as well as X-ray and optical microscopy do not compete with each other; they complement each other. Molecules (proteins, nucleic acids) are solved at atomic resolution by crystallography or NMR. These structures will be fitted to the density map obtained from cryo-EM (or electron tomography) to build the atomic structure of large complexes and organelles.
X-ray and optical microscopy give us a view of entire cells (Figure 1). To understand biological functions, we need to combine a number of methods.

Structure of flagella

We have analyzed the 3D structure of flagella/cilia by cryo-electron tomography. Flagella are bending organelles (~0.3 μm thickness and 5~10 μm length) which enable cells to swim (for example, in sperm) or cause extracellular fluid to flow through the lung and the kidney (in embryo, this fluid determines the right- and left-hand sides of our body). Flagella consist of nine microtubules (components of the skeleton of the cell) surrounding two microtubules. They are connected by regulator complexes called radial spokes [2]. We extract flagella from green algae *Chlamydomonas* (on the left in Figure 1) to make a specimen thin enough for EM. By merging electron micrographs of frozen flagella seen from different orientations, we have obtained the 3D structure of the entire flagellum (second from the top, on the right of Figure 1). From this analysis, the detailed molecular architecture in flagella was revealed. It was known that dynein motor proteins are responsible for flagellar bending motion. Dynein (red in the second diagram from the top, on the right of Figure 1) causes sliding of nine microtubules (grey). Our tomography proved that dyneins form longitudinal arrays (red in Figure 2) and vertical stacks (blue), with the tail oriented towards the tip of the flagella and the head towards its base, to enable regulation of bending and acceleration, respectively [3, 4]. Each dynein consists of a ring-shaped head and a tail, discovered from crystallography by other groups [5, 6]. We have proved that dynein causes reconformation of the tail to shift the ring and generate force [7].

From further analysis by electron tomography, we expect to reveal the mechanism of motility and the regulation of flagella. Combination with X-ray imaging may enable us to visualize the flagella in entire cells.

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Our visual sense is based on the absorption of light by photosensitive pigments in the retina of the eye. These visual pigments, or rhodopsins, include the Vitamin A derivative retinal as the actual light-sensitive molecule. Absorption of light changes the structure of the retinal molecule from the deactivating, inverse agonist cis form to the fully activating agonist trans form. This initial step triggers nucleotide exchange in the visual G protein as the next step in the visual cascade. Our recent crystal structures of light-activated rhodopsin containing trans retinal provide an important frame to understand the molecular basis of our visual sense. In addition, they provide the most native-like models on which to study conserved features in the activation mechanism of other members of the G protein-coupled receptor (GPCR) family – a large family of membrane proteins mediating messages transported via various mechanisms, including hormones, neurotransmitters and olfactory stimuli.

A structural view of rhodopsin activation

We are studying the structural changes in rhodopsin using stabilized, constitutively active mutants that favour the active conformation of the receptor. Co-crystallization of light-activated mutants with the C-terminus of the catalytic G protein subunit (GoCT), and data collection using the crystallography beamlines at SLS, allowed us to determine X-ray structures of the fully active metarhodopsin-II conformation [1, 2]. Comparison with the structure of dark-adapted rhodopsin provides direct molecular insights into how light-induced isomerisation of retinal translates to the structural changes in the receptor that allow the G protein to bind (Figure 1). Opening of the G protein-binding site is characterized by a displacement of the

Figure 1: The human eye (A) contains highly specialized pigments (rhodopsins) that bind retinal as photoactive chromophore. Light-induced isomerization of retinal (B) leads to conformational changes in rhodopsin and the formation of the activated photopigment metarhodopsin-II. The crystal structure of metarhodopsin-II (C) allows exciting insights into the molecular basis of our visual sense.
cytoplasmic side of TM6 and originates from three intramolecular activation pathways through TM5/TM3, TM6 and TM7/TM2 [3].

Conserved GPCR activation pathways

Besides our visual sense, GPCRs mediate cellular responses to an extensive array of hormones, neurotransmitters and olfactory stimuli. Despite the relevance of these proteins in human physiology and pharmaceutical research, we have only recently started to understand the structural basis of ligand binding and activation. In the period 2008–2011, active-like structures of three GPCRs were solved. Among them, our structure of light-activated metarhodopsin-II represents so far the most native-like model of an active GPCR. As such, it is an important template to understand how agonists activate GPCRs and to what extent this mechanism is conserved throughout the extensive GPCR family [4]. This question is of paramount pharmacological interest, as 30% of all commercially available drugs target the GPCR-mediated signalling gateways for medical intervention.

Constitutive activity as a cause of diseases

Constitutively active mutants are ubiquitously found among GPCRs and are often related to pathologic outcomes. Many wild-type GPCRs have intrinsically high levels of basal activity with important functional implications, for example to GPCR subtype specificity. Our structures of constitutively active mutants help us to understand constitutive activation on a structural level and, by extension, variable basal activity levels among different members of the GPCR family. In many cases, constitutive activity originates from disruptions in helix-helix interactions and a resulting destabilization of the inactive conformation. Our crystal structures provide two examples in which the molecular basis for constitutive activity has other more specific components. In the first case, the effect originates from modifications in the ligand-binding pocket and, in the second case, through a stabilization of the G protein-binding site (Figure 2).

It thus appears necessary to investigate the molecular causes of constitutive activity on a case-to-case basis. This is especially true for rhodopsin mutants that cause hereditary diseases, such as retinitis pigmentosa or congenital stationary night blindness, where specific molecular causes may open up the possibility for directed intervention by small molecular drugs.

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Haptocorrin-selective Cobalamin derivatives for specific tumour-targeting

Cobalamin (Cbl, Vitamin B12) derivatives can be used for tumour targeting, because proliferating cells require high amounts of the vitamin. We recently described novel Cbl derivatives which accumulate in certain tumours by an unknown, alternative mechanism, presumably mediated by the transport protein haptocorrin. We have now analysed the biodistribution of a haptocorrin-selective Cbl derivative in mice with human lung cancer and found specific accumulation at the tumour site. To further study its ligand specificity based on the crystal structure and ligand binding assays, haptocorrin was recombinantly expressed in mammalian cells. Our insights can now be used for future design and evaluation of Cbl-derived conjugates for diagnostic or therapeutic drug delivery to haptocorrin-expressing tumours.

Haptocorrin-selective Cbl-derivatives accumulate in tumours

Haptocorrin-selective cobalamin derivatives specifically accumulate in some tumours, including lung adenocarcinoma and melanoma [1]. We have established a mouse model of human lung adenocarcinoma (HCC827 cells), which is specifically targeted by a $^{99m}$Tc-labelled Cbl derivative ($^{99m}$Tc-PAMA4-Cbl, Figure 1).

In vivo, this derivative travels a different pathway than normal Cbl, because binding to transport proteins, with the exception of haptocorrin, is abolished. This results in favourable tumour targeting properties. Because haptocorrin-selective Cbl derivatives do not accumulate substantially in healthy organs (e.g. kidney or liver), they are promising vehicles to specifically deliver cytotoxic payload to the tumour site. Furthermore, haptocorrin accepts a relatively broad range of Cbl derivatives, and therefore permits functionalisation of Cbl without loss of binding affinity.

Crystal structure of recombinant haptocorrin

Haptocorrin is a heavily glycosylated protein (40% carbohydrates). Unlike the other two Cbl transport proteins (transcobalamin and intrinsic factor), recombinant expression and crystallisation have not been reported so far. We successfully expressed recombinant human haptocorrin in HEK293-RicR cells and purified it to >98% purity after Ni$^{2+}$ affinity and size-exclusion chromatography. Crystals of the protein were obtained by the sitting-drop vapour diffusion technique. Diffraction data were collected from single crystals at beamline X06SA at the Swiss Light Source and the structure was solved with molecular replacement and refined to a resolution of 2.6 Å. The overall structure of the protein is very similar to the two other known Cbl transport proteins, with a two-domain architecture and Cbl buried at the interface of the two domains (Figure 2). However, key amino acids in the Cbl-binding site differ among the three proteins and may contribute to ligand selectivity.
Evaluation of novel B12-derivatives for tumour targeting

With the crystal structures of all three transport proteins known, specific Cbl derivatives can be designed and further studied in vitro and in vivo. We used a thermal shift assay to study the binding ability of various Cbl derivatives to the three known transport proteins. Ligand binding to a protein can stabilise its native state and increase the melting temperature, $T_m$, of the protein-ligand complex when compared with the apo-protein. Binding of Cbl to haptocorrin raises its $T_m$ by around 20°C (Figure 3). This substantial increase in $T_m$ reflects the extremely high affinity of Cbl to haptocorrin ($K_D < pM$). Most haptocorrin-selective ligands show a slightly lower increase in $T_m$ upon binding. We are currently investigating different novel classes of Cbl derivatives, including Pt(II)-conjugates [2], which could be used to specifically deliver cytotoxic platinum to tumour cells, or Cbl-mimics containing a peptide backbone [3]. Further in vivo studies are envisaged, to investigate the therapeutic potential of such new classes of Cbl-based drugs.

Conclusions

We have shown that haptocorrin-selective Cbl derivatives specifically accumulate in a lung carcinoma xenograft. In addition, we were able to express high amounts of pure recombinant haptocorrin and solved its crystal structure. Unique structural features that account for ligand selectivity, together with ligand binding studies, can be used for future design and evaluation of Cbl-derived conjugates for diagnostic or therapeutic drug delivery to haptocorrin-expressing tumours.

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Targeting the folate receptor (FR) with folate-based radiopharmaceuticals has emerged as a valuable strategy for imaging and therapy of cancer. However, the generally high renal uptake of radiofolates presents a significant drawback for therapeutic application because of potential damage to the kidneys by particle radiation. Herein, we report the design and evaluation of a novel folate radioconjugate with an albumin binding entity, which improves the pharmacokinetic properties significantly, allowing, for the first time, the application of FR-targeted radionuclide therapy in a mouse model with human cancer xenografts.

**Background**

The folate receptor (FR) has emerged as a valuable tumour marker for nuclear imaging with folate-based radioconjugates [1, 2]. Due to the high frequency of cancer diseases that express the FR (e.g. ovarian, cervical, lung, kidney and colon cancers), a therapeutic application would be of considerable interest [3]. In this respect the generally high renal accumulation of radiofolates presents a significant drawback, because of the risk of damage to the kidneys by therapeutic radiation [4]. Thus, the establishment of a method for increasing the tumour-to-kidney ratio of radioactivity is a prerequisite for a therapeutic application of folate-based radiopharmaceuticals.

**Aim of the study**

We hypothesized that increasing the circulation time of a folate radioconjugate would improve the tumour uptake while, at the same time, reducing undesired retention of radioactivity in the kidneys. This goal could potentially be achieved by the installation of an albumin binding entity which interacts with this long-circulating serum protein. The aim of this study was therefore to develop and evaluate a novel folic acid conjugate comprising a small molecular-weight albumin binding entity (Figure 1).

**Novel design of a folate radioconjugate**

Folic acid was functionalized with a 1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclododecane-1,4,7,10-tetraacetate (DOTA)-chelating system for coordination of radiometals (Compound 2, Figure 1). The novel folate conjugate 1 comprised, in addition, an albumin binding entity [5] which had previously proved to increase circulation time of small molecules in the blood (Figure 1) [6]. Radiolabelling was performed with lutetium-177 ($\beta^-$, $t_{1/2} = 6.7$ days) at a specific activity of 40 MBq/nmol and a radiochemical yield of >98%. Both radiofolates ($^{177}$Lu-1 and $^{177}$Lu-2) were stable (>99%) in human plasma in vitro over several days. Uptake and internalization of $^{177}$Lu-1 in FR-positive KB tumour cells was high and FR-specific and thus comparable to the control compound $^{177}$Lu-2. Ultrafiltration of $^{177}$Lu-1 in plasma revealed significant binding to serum proteins compared with unmodified $^{177}$Lu-2, which did not display albumin binding properties.

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**Figure 1:** Chemical structures of the novel DOTA-folate conjugate with an albumin binding entity (1) and the control compound (2).
In-vivo biodistribution studies

The tissue distribution of the novel $^{177}$Lu-DOTA-folate ($^{177}$Lu-1) resulted in an unprecedentedly high tumour uptake (17.56% ID/g, 4h p.i.), which was almost completely retained over at least 72h (Figure 2). In addition, kidney retention was significantly reduced (~28% ID/g, 4h p.i.) compared with previously obtained results with DOTA-folate conjugates [4, 7] and the control compound $^{177}$Lu-2 (~70% ID/g, 4h p.i., Figure 2).

Pilot therapy study in tumour mice

In a pilot radionuclide therapy study, two groups (A and B) of five mice each were injected with either only saline (A), or with 20 MBq of the novel $^{177}$Lu-radiolabelled DOTA-folate 1 (B). We observed a significant inhibition of tumour growth in treated mice compared with mice which received only saline (Figure 3).

The difference in tumour size between mice of Group A and mice of Group B is shown in Figure 3, in pictures of one representative mouse of each group taken at Day 17 after therapy. As a consequence of the reduced tumour growth after therapy, survival of the mice in Group B was significantly prolonged (>2-fold) compared with that of the untreated controls (Group A).

Conclusion

Modification of a folate conjugate with an albumin binding entity (compound 1) had a positive influence on the absolute tumour uptake and on the tumour-to-kidney ratio, which was increased >5-fold. These findings represent a breakthrough in the field of FR-targeting, because they allow, for the first time, the therapeutic application of a folic acid radioconjugate. Preliminary results of a therapy study in KB tumour-bearing nude mice indicate the promising potential of the novel $^{177}$Lu-DOTA-folate conjugate ($^{177}$Lu-1) for effective and safe therapeutic application.

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Emittance, the product of particle beam size and divergence, represents to what extent beams can be concentrated and thus defines performance of light sources, colliders or particle factories. In electron storage rings, synchrotron radiation determines emittance. Horizontal emittance is largely specified by beam energy and ring circumference, while the vertical one has an ideally very small natural limit. By March 2011, the vertical emittance at the SLS had already improved to $< 2 \text{ pm-rad}$ at 2.4 GeV, with the limitation given by spurious vertical dispersion, $\eta_y$. Magnet alignment data were analyzed in order to localize the sources of $\eta_y$ and to eliminate them by re-alignment of the supporting girders. Within seven months in 2011, the girders were adjusted remotely with a stored beam and fast orbit feedback running, which culminated in a world-record emittance of $1 \text{ pm-rad}$ being established in December 2011. This result will lead to an improved beam quality for the SLS users.

Introduction

Light sources like PSI’s Swiss Light Source (SLS) need well-defined control of the vertical emittance in order to limit particle losses at low-gap in-vacuum insertion devices. Furthermore, hard X-ray beamlines can potentially make use of the very small beam sizes of $=1 \mu\text{m RMS}$ (estimated for 1 pm-rad at the centre of the SLS short straight sections). For R&D on this subject, the work package “SLS Vertical Emittance Tuning” (SVET) was included in the project “Test Infrastructure and Accelerator Research Area” (TIARA), which started in January 2011 within the Seventh EU Framework Programme (FP7) \[1\]. Minimization of the vertical emittance is accomplished by reducing betatron coupling and spurious vertical dispersion to very small values. However, even after excellent ($=5 \mu\text{m RMS}$) beam-based alignment (BBA) of beam position monitors (BPMs) with respect to adjacent quadrupoles, mechanical misalignments of the magnets cause orbit deviations in quadrupoles and sextupoles and require excitation of dipolar correctors for orbit correction, thus exciting significant betatron coupling and spurious vertical dispersion, $\eta_y$. Correction of this effect requires the introduction of extra skew quadrupoles at dispersive ($\eta_x > 0$) and non-dispersive ($\eta_x = 0$) locations of the lattice in order to control spurious vertical dispersion $\eta_y$ and betatron coupling. At the SLS, 12 dispersive and 24 non-dispersive skew quadrupoles have been installed for this purpose.

Beam-assisted girder re-alignment

In order to approach the ultimate limit of vertical emittance, which has as its main contribution the present $\eta_y$ measurement resolution of $=50 \mu\text{m}$, sources of $\eta_y$ need to be eliminated. After analysing the vertical corrector pattern, girder-to-girder misalignments in the arc centres at the location of the central dipoles were identified to be the major source of $\eta_y$. The spatial corrector pattern analysis requires an orbit correction scheme based on singular value decomposition (SVD) or an equivalent technique, utilizing a large number of (or preferably all) eigenvalues in order to localize the girder-to-girder distortions \[2\]. Analysis of vertical misalignment data taken in 2010 for all
its long spatial wavelength. The reference line does not affect machine performance, due to corrections. The re-alignment of the girders to this non-zero line has been defined by the fit of a smooth function to the 2010 survey data. By the end of November, all girders had been successfully re-aligned. The re-alignment was based on the quadrupole alignment survey data taken in 2010 and involved the remotely controlled movement of 49 girders, with arc vacuum chambers not following this movement completely, since the corrector variations within the feedback loop directly reflect the girder manipulations. Simultaneously, the movement of the girders is also monitored by the hydrostatic levelling system (HLS) [4], which in most cases confirms the vertical adjustment within a few μm. As an example, the vertical corrector strengths in Sector 1 are shown in Figure 3, before and after re-alignment. It can be seen that the RMS strength has reduced from 147 to 55 μrad. Since the 17 m-long arc vacuum chambers did not follow this movement completely, the successive beam-based alignment of six quadrupole/BPM pairs led to a further reduction to 38 μrad. As a side effect, the reduction in corrector strength allows the current range of the dipolar corrector power supplies to be reduced, resulting in a significant increase in their resolution.

Summary

A complete vertical re-alignment of the SLS was carried out within seven months. The vertical dispersion, $\eta_v$, was corrected to 1.3 mm RMS using only half of the dispersive skew quadrupole strength with respect to the initial situation in March 2011. The vertical corrector strength was reduced from 130 to 50 μrad RMS. The procedure was based on the vertical quadrupole alignment survey data taken in 2010 and involved the remotely controlled movement of 49 girders, with circulating beam and running fast orbit feedback. Based on the re-alignment, a world-record emittance of 1 pm-rad [5] was achieved in December 2011. It is foreseen to re-survey the vertical quadrupole positions in order to repeat the beam-assisted re-alignment procedure.

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Proton Radiation Therapy at PSI – Patient treatment in a non-hospital environment

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The use of charged particles, in particular protons, was first initiated in 1954 to take advantage of the possible reduction of dose to normal tissues that were not affected by a tumorous disease and that had limited tolerance to radiation. This baseline strategy has not changed for almost 60 years, neither for the use of charged particles in medicine nor for conventional radiotherapy. The developing world-wide use of linear accelerators in hospitals, however, has triggered remarkable technical and physical developments that are challenging for existing and planned proton therapy facilities, including those at PSI.

From the design of a prototype to an established medical programme

Since 1997, when PSI had the first full-beam period for proton radiotherapy using its unique spot-scanning gantry, we have annually reported on patient numbers and the performance of the facility. The setting up of the ambulatory therapy installation was initially ‘typical’ for particle therapy, as all but one of the facilities in the world were located in physics research centres. The only hospital-based proton therapy facility was at the Loma Linda University Medical Center in California, where, since 1990, patients were, and still are, treated using gantries as well as fixed horizontal beamlines. The beam application at Loma Linda was, as in all other facilities, that of passive scattering with the use of field-specific collimators and compensators. When introducing a new technology into medicine, it is mandatory to define the medical needs and to understand the possibilities and limitations of the technical/physical tool. Using the advanced characteristics of spot-scanning technology, and knowing the technical and physical characteristics that are relevant for defined anatomical regions and situations of disease, influenced the choice of the indications for which pencil beam scanning would be best suited, meaning where scanned protons would be most promising in terms of precise spatial dose distribution.

Deep-seated lesions in the area of the base of skull, meningiomas, sarcomas of soft tissue and bones and low-grade gliomas, as well as paediatric tumours, were chosen — in close collaboration with the Swiss Radiation Oncology Centres — to be the histologies and sites we currently treat at PSI. Remarkable long-term results, reported mainly by the group at the Harvard Cyclotron in collaboration with the Massachusetts General Hospital Boston, had been the basis for our decision. The operating conditions in a physics research institute, the restrictions regarding indications, and the dependence on patient referrals from outside PSI greatly limited the number of treatments, in particular during the first 9 years of the project. However, we used the yearly shut-down months of PSI’s main accelerator as important periods to modify and improve our technology, and our procedures with and around the patients, and to analyze treatment outcomes. Spot-scanning beam application was an in-house development of PSI and it had to be proven that it was safe, reliable and patient-friendly. Most importantly, we had to demonstrate that the clinical results met expectations based on published outcomes to date. For example, the challenging treatment of chordomas and chondrosarcomas of the base of skull very soon became the main focus of our activities, and we were able to report 5-year outcomes (for admittedly still small patient numbers) that supported spot-scanning proton radiotherapy as an effective and safe treatment modality.

What could, on the one hand, be perceived as a disadvantage, namely the absence of a hospital environment with supporting medical infrastructure and the possibilities for larger patient throughput, on the other hand provided the necessary time, infrastructure and multi-professional competence of the physics research environment to design and realize the spot-scanning technology with a gantry, including mandatory elements such as a 3D treatment planning program, soft- and hardware for safety and control and many other indispensable components. This process was in line with one of PSI’s missions: to translate excellent scientific knowledge and technical know-how into applications beneficial for society. The medical programme with the prototype gantry providing spot-scanning technology (known as “Gantry 1”) would not
have grown, or even survived in the long-term, without a dedicated beam source for year-round operation. The positive treatment results allowed us to apply to the Federal Office for Public Health of Switzerland for obligatory coverage of treatment costs, which was the precondition for investment in a dedicated superconducting cyclotron (called COMET) that has now been operational since 2007. This accelerator is again a prototype, the result of close collaboration between industry and research institutes, including PSI. This compact superconducting cyclotron was very soon turned into an industrial product by the company that built it, as international interest in hospital-based proton therapy devices grew.

In 2007, the Division of Radiation Medicine was re-named the Center for Proton Therapy, CPT. Having year-round beam availability for the medical programme allowed us to increase patient numbers and to expand one particular activity that exemplarily represents the medical need for optimized three-dimensional dose conformation: the radiation therapy of paediatric patients. Children are growing organisms and each can be looked at as a single, very radiation-sensitive structure in which the avoidance of dose deposition in healthy organs is mandatory – and is, in general, highly challenging. In 2004, PSI extended the building for medical activities to include space and infrastructure for the anaesthesia of young children. A professional collaboration was established between PSI and the Department of Anesthesiology of the University Children’s Hospital of Zurich. This has allowed us to safely perform repeated anaesthesias and to offer the necessary related care. A total of 20 children were treated under sedation during the first two years of this service. The number of patients treated under anaesthesia then grew to a total of over 150 during the years 2007 through 2011.

Paediatric patients are often included in multi-modality treatment protocols with radiotherapy scheduled during fixed time periods. The continuous beam availability made possible by the dedicated cyclotron allowed us to accept children in such protocols and to provide proton therapy without violating the overall treatment protocol. Despite the absence of a hospital infrastructure, the CPT has become the most active paediatric radiation therapy unit within Switzerland, with capacity for up to five children treated under anaesthesia per day. The medical-oncological treatment, care and controls are provided by the University Children’s Hospital of Zurich. Patients are referred through national and international oncology centres and specialists. Patient selection is restricted to the defined indications that are accepted by the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health and, consequently, the Swiss Health Insurance System. Reimbursement is mandatory for Swiss citizens and is also assured for patients of the European Union, based on international contracts for medical care. Close and dedicated collaboration with other medical institutions and hospitals is mandatory for an institution such as the Center for Proton Therapy. Radiological support in individualized and high quality is provided by the nearby Kantonsspital Baden – the largest hospital in the eastern part of the Swiss canton of Aargau. Rarely needed or desired hospitalization is possible in all surrounding hospitals, the nearest being the regional Asana Hospital at Leuggern, only about 6km from PSI. Apart from patient care, scientific interactions and research projects have also grown from these collaborations, proving the closeness and synergy that has developed between the research institute and the clinic.

From prototype to leading next-generation technology

Gantry 1 has opened up a new path in proton radiotherapy. Scanning proton beams can produce more conformal dose distributions than passive scattering protons. Scanning is applied without patient-specific individual hardware, such as collimators and compensators. However, scanning beams are, at the same time, very sensitive to organ and target motion. The 3D dose distribution so far calculated and visually represented by the treatment planning program assumes static position and form of the penetrated tissue. However, the motion of organs and targets results in changes of tissue density in the beam path, which consequently can result in incorrect dose deposition in the patient. Gantry 1 delivers
beam spots with about 50 Hz, which is “too slow” to eliminate the effects of organ motion (e.g., breathing, peristalsis, pulsation). Therefore, we have so far excluded moving targets from our treatments (e.g., lung tumours, intra-abdominal lesions), and thus not offered proton therapy for frequent diseases such as lung cancer. Our novel technology of spot scanning on a gantry, introduced into medical practice 15 years ago, has challenged us, because of these limitations, to design a second-generation gantry with a very high frequency of spot delivery, allowing us to re-scan a moving target fast enough to compensate for motion and its effects. Details of the Gantry 2 system have been described in previous scientific reports and in various publications [e.g. 1, 2].

Since we treated the very first patient on Gantry 1 in December 1996, there has been substantial progress made in hard- and software development, resulting in more versatile, more efficient and more powerful tools that are opening new doors and possibilities. The design of Gantry 2 has, of course, benefited from these developments. However, Gantry 2 is fundamentally a PSI innovation, the philosophy of which was largely developed within the CPT. Based on our extensive experience with Gantry 1, Gantry 2 was conceived in such a way as to provide all the well-proven features of its predecessor as well as introducing technical innovations that overcome the limitations of Gantry 1. A new nozzle design, with integrated Beam’s Eye View X-ray system, new magnet designs, and a new arrangement of sweeper magnets are only a few details of this improvement. Gantry 2’s concept has been described in previous reports. In addition, the medical-technical peripherals that are state of the art in modern photon therapy will also be included in the overall Gantry 2 System, e.g. 4D CT (and later MRI) for the registration of the effects of organ and target motion, requiring adaptation of the treatment planning program to integrate that information. Industrial companies have constructed many of the elements of Gantry 2 to PSI’s design, and it is now assembled in place and is expected to become operational for patient treatment by the end of 2012.

The design of Gantry 1 in the early 1990s, its performance since it began operation, PSI’s use of the system, the medical results it has achieved, and the overall performance of the entire system (Gantry, spot-scanning technology, compact superconducting cyclotron, beamlines, magnet technology and many more) have all been intensely scrutinized by the international community of experts and centres interested in proton therapy. Largely as a result of this, scanning proton beams are currently the mostly sought-after technology for proton beam therapy. More than half a dozen manufacturers offer proton therapy systems. If one compares their various concepts and the technical systems they offer, one sees that the technology of Gantry 2 remains in the first rank of sophis-
tication and foreseeable performance. The term “fast scanning”, for instance, has been defined by the 200 spots per second that Gantry 2 will deliver to overcome dose imprecision caused by organ motion.

OPTIS – integration into CPT operation

The decision of PSI (the former SIN research centre, at the time) to build a proton therapy installation for the treatment of ocular melanoma in the 1980s was a milestone for later plans and developments of the gantries. A new OPTIS treatment facility – called OPTIS 2 – was developed and connected to the COMET cyclotron in October 2010. Since then, 280 patients have been treated with this new installation, which is, for the most part, again a PSI design. The overall number of patients who have received proton therapy at PSI for ocular melanomas by the end of 2011 is 5455. This makes PSI’s OPTIS programme the most active in the world. Proton therapy for ocular melanomas is an internationally accepted and reimbursed treatment modality.

The new OPTIS-2 facility, while not fundamentally changing the treatment philosophy, has permitted a substantial change in the way treatment is integrated into the operation of CPT. It is now possible to interleave treatment with that in the gantry and to operate continuously throughout the year, rather than in once-a-month batches.

Though ocular melanomas are not irradiated using scanning beams but, rather, by passively scattered protons, several physical and medical principles have been confirmed: High radiation doses, in particular high single doses, require good spatial dose conformation in order to avoid severe damage to healthy structures; the proton beam penetrates the eye only up to the depth of the tumour location. Structures behind the calculated dose deposition will not be affected; in particular there is no unwanted dose load to the retro-ocular part of the optic nerve.

Tumours that are relatively insensitive to radiation respond “better” to high single doses (hypofractionation); the ocular melanoma is one such example. Four treatment fractions of 15 Gy (RBE) each result in an overall tumour control rate of >95%. (For comparison, a “normal” daily dose of a treatment for a skull base tumour is 1.8 – 2.0 Gy (RBE), delivered up to a total dose of 74 Gy(RBE) in 37 – 41 single treatment fractions.) Good local tumour control leads to high survival rates. Uncontrolled tumours can still metastasize. We see overall 10% tumour-related deaths in patients whose tumour had been controlled = sterilized by proton therapy, whereas the rate of tumour-related deaths rises to 30 – 60 % in patients with uncontrolled tumours.

From technology to oncological concepts and a step into the future

Talking about achievements in design and construction of proton therapy devices at a research institution such as PSI, it must not be forgotten that oncological concepts need to be installed and followed in order to achieve real improvement in cancer therapy.

Installations for radiotherapy, be it photon or particle radiotherapy, are tools that are only as good as their use allows. Protons offer high precision in dose deposition. The medical question is where this precision is wanted or needed. Optimized spatial dose conformation can allow increased target doses without increasing damage to healthy tissues and organs. This concept is useful to treat relatively radiation-resistant tumours. Overcoming inhomogeneity and imprecision in dose deposition caused by organ and/or target motion can be avoided by really fast (re-)scanning, which then allows for efficient irradiation of, for example, lung tumours or lesions in the mobile parts of the abdomen and pelvis. Reduction of unnecessary radiation dose to sensitive anatomical structures or compartments (e.g. the brain, optic nerves, spinal cord, kidneys, etc) is the general aim in any form of radiotherapy. Paediatric treatment is the most demanding in this regard. One important, and probably increasingly important, argument for proton radiotherapy is the reduction of added toxicity in multi-modality cancer treatment. There is unfortunately no efficient therapy for malignant tumours that has no toxicity. Surgery, chemotherapy or other systemic treatments, as well as radiotherapy, do unavoidable harm to healthy, so-called “normal”, tissues. The less “toxic” one of the treatment modalities is, the better is its compatibility with the other modalities. Protons have an important role in this context, as high-dose irradiation can be made more tolerable during the acute phase of treatment, as well as in terms of treatment-related late effects.

The decision of the Canton of Zurich to invest in a third proton gantry at PSI reflects the belief that making better use of protons in modern cancer therapy requires extension of the indications, mainly towards frequent diseases, the conduct of clinical studies and research, all resulting in the need for higher treatment capacity.

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Strategy and Highlights of General Energy Research

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The year 2011 was characterized by disruptive changes in the global energy scene, and by evolutionary progress in research. The General Energy Research Department (ENE) provided conceptual input and technical contributions to the Energy Strategy 2050 of the Swiss Federation, while its research portfolio focused on efficient harvesting and conversion of renewable resources. The biomass value chain is being optimised through the catalytic conversion of waste biomass to methane, low-NOx combustion of natural gas, and analysis of the consequences of combustion processes on the atmosphere. Aspects of the solar energy value chain covered include the production of solar fuels, the storage of electricity by advanced batteries, and the efficient use of hydrogen from renewable resources for transportation. Issues of systems integration are being pursued in energy systems analysis, and promoted within the Competence Center Energy and Mobility.

Challenges lying ahead of energy research moved into the forefront of societal attention after the disaster at Fukushima in March 2011. Researchers around the world, including those of our Department, engaged in strategic discussion on how research could contribute towards realizing a new and revised energy policy.

Contributions to the Energy Strategy 2050

First documents were already delivered to the Swiss Federal Government in April 2011. Following the decision of the Federal Council in May on the “New Energy Policy”, our Institute was asked to coordinate, on behalf of the ETH Domain institutions, a portfolio analysis of ongoing research, an assessment of important and promising technology fields, and an action plan for coordinated energy research in Switzerland. These documents, to be completed early in 2012, will provide input to a Dispatch from the Swiss Federal Council to Parliament later in 2012.

Research portfolio

Energy Research had been persistently working towards these targets during previous years. The portfolio of our programme outlined below continues to focus on:
- Efficiency of conversion (thermal, electrochemical)
- Harvesting of renewable energies (biomass, solar)
- Systems design, analysis, storage and integration

Bioenergy and Catalysis (pp. 60–61)

This Laboratory focuses on the efficient conversion of important biomass resources; in particular, waste biomass. Hydrothermal gasification is pursued as a promising route for producing methane from feedstocks with high water content. Progress was achieved in the recovery of nutrient salts and in the avoidance of undesired coke formation. The SunChem Project studied the efficiency of harvesting algae for the production of third-generation biofuels.

Competence in the field of energy-related catalysis is a prerequisite for research in these processes, which also focuses on the concomitant reduction of NOx and soot in combustion devices. This competence is strengthened through a fruitful collaboration with the Laboratory of Catalysis and Sustainable Chemistry.

Catalysis and Sustainable Chemistry (pp. 26–27, operated jointly by the ENE and SYN Departments)

Analytical tools have been improved for the in situ characterization of catalysts by X-ray spectroscopy, at the SuperXAS beamline of SLS. In particular, modulation techniques were successfully established for studying dynamic processes on the catalysts used in biomass conversion.

At the Vacuum Ultraviolet (VUV) beamline of the SLS, optical upgrades were completed and chemical sources are operational to study radicals that are important in combustion processes, such as the ignition of diesel fuel.
Combustion Research (pp. 64–65)

Three major thrusts are pursued in this Laboratory. In preparation for the increased use of natural gas for power generation, options for decarbonisation are being explored, and the characteristics of hydrogen-rich turbulent flames are being investigated using advanced laser diagnostics. Intense preparatory work is being carried out for the realization of a pilot and demonstration unit ("X-PDU") for the production of "syngas" from biomass, to be further processed by hot-gas cleaning and catalytic conversion to methane. At the Large Engine Research Facility, an advanced Miller cycle was successfully implemented in a large marine diesel engine, thereby simultaneously increasing the efficiency and reducing the NOx emissions.

Atmospheric Chemistry (pp. 82–83)

Experimental capabilities for the attribution of aerosols to their sources (including transportation, wood burning, cooking, and biogenic sources) were enhanced by the realization of a mobile "smog chamber". Compound-specific isotope analysis was successfully commissioned to track pathways in plant metabolism and aerosol chemistry. Nucleation induced by ions from cosmic rays, an issue of the highest relevance for assessing the influence of solar cycles on temperature, was investigated within the CLOUD collaboration at CERN. The results highlighted the previously neglected importance of atmospheric trace gases.

Solar Technology (pp. 62–63)

Two major scale-up projects for the production of "solar fuels" are advancing in the Solar Technology Laboratory. The thermal gasification of carbonaceous wastes was successfully scaled to 200 kW, in collaboration with an industrial partner, reaching an unprecedented solar-to-fuel conversion efficiency of 30%. In the long-term, preparations continued for a demonstration at the 100 kW level of the zinc thermochemical cycle producing hydrogen by solar water splitting, scheduled for mid-2012 at the Odeillo solar tower facility.

Electrochemistry (pp. 66–67)

At the end of 2011, we thanked Günther Scherer, who, after a successful decade of electrochemistry research – including the demonstration of PSI's third fuel-cell hybrid prototype vehicle, in our collaboration with the Belenos Company – handed over leadership to Thomas Schmidt, whom we welcome as the new Head of the Laboratory.

Understanding of the microscopic phenomena present in polymer electrolyte fuel cells advanced through the use of tomographic analysis at the SLS, with modelling at various scales (Figure 1). Research on lithium ion batteries advanced in a network with industrial partners, focusing on characterization.

Energy Systems Analysis

(pp. 86–87, operated jointly by the NES and ENE Departments)

Based on a study of mobility and its associated fuel demands, scenarios for the global energy system are being developed, including collaboration with the World Energy Council. With the focus on electricity generation in Switzerland, a time-resolved dispatching model will be used to study the impact of intermittent and fluctuating renewables. Systems aspects of the integration of decentralized renewables are also at the focus of a proposal for the National Competence Center for Research (NCCR), prepared jointly by PSI and ETH Zurich.

Competence Center Energy and Mobility

In 2011, several of the projects funded in the first wave of CCEM were finished and their results communicated in workshops and reports. The success of the collaborative efforts is manifested by the fact that several teams decided to continue their joint efforts, and applied for second-generation projects. The progress of the ongoing programme is outlined on pp. 68–69. Several new groupings of ETH Domain researchers joined the CCEM network by applying to the very successful call for proposals in August. In the CCEM, as well, the end of 2011 marked a change in leadership. We are grateful to Philipp Dietrich, who has advanced the CCEM from its first beginnings but has now taken on a new and challenging position in the directorate staff of PSI, and extend a hearty welcome to Urs Elber, our new Managing Director.
One of the most targeted problems with solid-oxide fuel cells (SOFC) is the deactivation of catalytically active metal nickel (Ni) incorporated with the anode by reaction with sulphur present in the biomass-based fuel gas. Unprecedented sulphur-specific X-ray absorption spectroscopy experiments revealed the formation of new sulphur species from ppm-level H2S in H2 fed to the anodic and air to the cathodic side of a working solid-oxide fuel cell (SOFC) (~0.7 V) between \( T = 350 \) °C–550 °C. Whereas quasi-realistic XPS and Raman studies with anodic material at \( T \sim 500 \) °C failed and thermodynamic software proved inadequate, in situ XAS allows SOFCs to be studied under intermediate temperature-relevant working conditions in step with actual practice.

Motivation

Although expected, the SOFC performance-lowering formation of sulphur monolayers or that of performance-annihilating bulk sulphates with Ni-complemented cermet anodes could neither be detected at \( T \sim 500 \) °C with Raman microspectroscopy nor did XPS indicate that H2S would interact at all \([1, 2]\). Therefore, the anode surface in a SOFC working at intermediate temperatures (IT-SOFC) was monitored in situ using sulphur-specific XAS.

Design of an in situ SOFC–XAS cell

An in situ reaction cell for use with hard X-rays, which had been constructed by PSI following the design of Prof. J.-D. Grunwaldt (KIT, Germany) \([3]\), was adapted by us into a SOFC-dedicated XAS cell suitable for performing X-ray absorption experiments in the fluorescence mode of detection at the S K-edge (\( E \sim 2.5 \) keV). For this purpose, the cell was furnished with two new gas manifolds for supplying the anodic and cathodic sides of the IT-SOFC \([4]\) pellet with \( \text{H}_2 \) and \( \text{O}_2 \), respectively (Figure 1), and windows were installed which were permeable to soft X-rays. The electrolyte-supported IT-SOFC electrochemical element with Ni-gadolinia doped ceria anode (Ni-CGO) was made by the University of Tartu (Estonia) \([5]\). The electrolyte pellet and the X-ray windows are brittle and have different thermal expansion coefficients; therefore, special steel was used for in situ cell construction and glass/ceramic sealants made the SOFC-XAS cell gas-tight. The cell was mounted on the steel block containing the heating wire. Platinum wires were connected to a potentiostat/galvanostat to monitor cell performance (voltage) under constant current conditions and thermocouples were used to control the temperature in the anodic gas compartment.

![Figure 1: Layout of the IT-SOFC-dedicated XAS cell and key reactions at the anode and cathode sides.](image-url)
Preliminary tests at Empa

Tests of gas leakage, IT-SOFC performance and the influence of H₂S added to H₂ were performed with the SOFC-XAS cell at the Laboratory of High Performance Ceramics at the Empa research institute. It was electrochemically verified that first, reversible poisoning of the Ni-CGO electrode with 5 ppm H₂S/H₂ occurred within five minutes. The influence of the H₂S is moderate, as the SOFC keeps on working, albeit with slightly lower cell potential at constant current conditions. The electrochemical performance recovered up to 90% after the addition of H₂S to the H₂ feed was stopped. Results agreed well with those from other studies and confirmed that our electrodes and test cell functioned correctly.

Results from the Phoenix beamline (SLS)

First S K-edge XANES spectra were recorded using 5 ppm H₂S/H₂ at T=550°C. They reflected the presence of several sulphur forms; in particular, S atoms chemisorbed at the Ni⁰ surface, gaseous sulphur (such as S₂) and highly oxidised sulphur (S⁶⁺) as found with sulphate. The spectra were reproduced well by linear combination of reported, experimental compound spectra (Figure 2). The spectra recorded between T=550→350°C showed similar fingerprints, but with varying intensities. Between T=450→350°C, small amounts of S⁴⁺-containing species (Figure 3) were also found, suggesting the formation of NiSO₃ or more likely SO₂ from its decomposition, impeding the building of detrimental bulk sulphate till T=350°C.

Comparison with thermodynamic prediction

Figure 4 shows phase diagrams calculated with the HSC software (Outotec Research Oy, Finland) for Ni-O-S and Ce-O-S, as functions of the partial pressure (p) of O₂ at the anode, on a logarithmic scale, log[pO₂/anode], and the temperature, T. Five ppm H₂S was defined as pS₂ = ½pH₂S = 2.5×10⁻⁶. Figure 4 also shows experimental points where the spectra were collected by calculating pO₂/anode with the Nernst equation using recorded temperature, cell potential, and synthetic air as input [2]. For the working points between T=450→550°C, from Figure 4 it appears that Ce will mainly be present as CeO₂ and Ni in some form of bulk NiS (NiS(A), NiO₀.₈₄). However, the SOFC will not function with sulphided Ni, because H₂ needs an Ni⁰ surface for adsorption before electrochemical oxidation. In line with this, the speciation (Figure 3) showed some sulphur atoms at the Ni⁰ surface, but not clearly visible NiS. All outlined details matter for finding operational hurdles during use. We conclude that in-situ SOFC-XAS is a powerful and indispensable analytical tool for prospective verification studies under practical IT-SOFC working conditions, because it can detect sulphur species independent of long-range structural order or physical state.

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A 200 kW pilot-scale demonstration of solar gasification of carbonaceous feedstocks

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The thermochemical gasification of carbonaceous materials using concentrated solar energy produces syngas that can be combusted in the main burner of a cement kiln, reducing the consumption of fossil fuel and its concomitant CO₂ emission. A 200 kW solar pilot plant applying this process has been successfully demonstrated at the solar tower of the Plataforma Solar de Almeria. Coal, biomass, and carbonaceous wastes with different characteristics, such as tyre chips, plastics, and industrial and sewage sludge, were thermochemically converted to high-quality syngas with a calorific value upgraded over that of the input feedstock.

Introduction

The concept of solar steam gasification of carbonaceous materials is schematically shown in Figure 1 [1]. Concentrated solar energy provides the high-temperature process heat required to thermochemically convert solid carbonaceous feedstocks (e.g. coal, biomass, or carbon-containing wastes) into high-quality synthesis gas (syngas, mainly H₂ and CO). Syngas can be used to produce high-temperature process heat in direct combustion (e.g. in cement kilns), for power generation in efficient combined cycles and fuel cells, or further processed via the Fischer-Tropsch process into liquid hydrocarbon fuels.

Conventional autothermal gasification requires about one-third of the feedstock to be combusted to supply process heat for the endothermic gasification reaction, which inherently decreases coal utilization and contaminates the product gases. In contrast, syngas from solar-driven steam gasification is free of combustion by-products and has a lower CO₂ output, because its calorific value is solar-upgraded over that of the original coal feedstock by an amount equal to the enthalpy change of the reaction. Solar thermochemical gasification is ultimately a means of chemically storing intermittent solar energy in a dispatchable form.

The pilot plant

The solar reactor configuration is shown in Figure 2. It consists of two cavities in series. The upper cavity functions as the solar absorber and contains a windowed aperture to let in concentrated solar radiation. The lower cavity functions as the reaction chamber and contains the packed bed on top of the steam injector. An SiC-coated graphite plate separates both cavities. This arrangement enables the reactor to receive a wide range of feedstock particles sizes. The reactor is operated in batch mode, typically one batch per day, with the packed bed shrinking as the gasification progresses.

Figure 1: The solar gasification process: Concentrated solar radiation is used as the energy source of high-temperature process heat to drive the endothermic gasification reactions.

Figure 2: Schematic of solar reactor configuration.
Based on laboratory-scale tests at PSI with a 5 kW solar reactor prototype [2], a 200 kW pilot solar reactor for typically 200 kg feedstock capacity (one batch per day) was designed and fabricated. The solar reactor, along with all peripheral equipment, was installed at the solar tower of the Plataforma Solar de Almería in Spain. Concentrated solar radiation collected by about 70 heliostats (Figure 3) was re-directed to power the solar reactor at an operational temperature in the range 1000–1200 °C. The carbonaceous feedstocks tested (Figure 4) are characterized by having a wide range of volatile, ash, fixed carbon and moisture content, elemental composition, as well as particle size and morphology [2].

A typical test: Syngas from low-rank coal

A representative experimental run is described with low-rank (cheap) coal with LHV of 16 MJ/kg, containing about 35% moisture, 32% volatiles, 29% fixed carbon and 4% ash; 180 kg of low-rank coal were loaded into the reactor, forming a 20 cm-high packed-bed. Concentrated solar energy with radiative power of 130 kW and flux of 600 kW/m² was incident on the reactor’s aperture. The packed-bed temperature and gaseous product mass flow rates are shown in Figure 5. A high-quality syngas with $H_2/CO$ molar ratio of about 2 and $CO_2/CO$ molar ratio of 0.4 was produced. The solar-to-fuel energy conversion efficiency – defined as the energy content (on an LHV basis) of the syngas divided by the sum of the input concentrated solar power plus the energy content of the converted coal – reached 30%.

Conclusions

The pioneer demonstration of a solar pilot plant for the gasification of coal, biomass, and carbonaceous waste materials has been accomplished using a robust 200 kW packed-bed solar reactor on top of a solar tower and subjected to solar concentrated radiation from a heliostat field. High-quality syngas with a solar-upgraded calorific value was produced from a variety of feedstocks. The conceptual design of a MW industrial-scale plant is in progress.

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New combustion concepts for marine diesel engines

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Diesel engines exhibit very high thermodynamic conversion efficiency, though accompanied by an intrinsically high thermal NOx formation rate. Within the CCEM, and with support from the EU project “Hercules-β”, we are developing new methods for reducing NOx emissions. We are achieving this through modified charge-air management combining early closure of the intake valves (Miller Timing) with higher-charge air pressure obtained through serial 2-stage turbo charging. The advantages are two-fold: firstly, the reduced end-of-compression temperature leads to lower NOx formation; and secondly, two-stage compression is more efficient and therefore reduces the specific fuel consumption.

Marine shipping of bulk resources and products is by far the most efficient method of global transport. The total marine transport for 2010 was estimated by the UN Trade Organization UNCTAD at about $33 \cdot 10^9$ ton-miles and this cargo-distance total was primarily achieved by the use of diesel engines. Obviously, this huge transport demand gives ample motivation to reduce the emissions from diesel engines and improve their efficiency, since these advancements will be applicable on a global scale.

Diesel combustion process

The diesel combustion cycle is a fundamentally complex process, since the fuel is introduced to the combustion chamber as a high velocity liquid jet, which disperses due to shear forces into a fine fuel droplet spray. The fuel droplets evaporate and the fuel vapour dissociates, after which auto-ignition initiates the combustion process. Once a flame is established, heat release is locally restrained close to the spray surface since the spray core is fuel-rich with little available oxygen, and the charge air is ultra-lean with few available fuel vapour radicals. This means that flame location and its thermal heat release rate is mixing limited, since the fuel vapour radicals and the oxygen need to be transported (by convection and diffusion) to where they yield a combustible mixture with the proper air-to-fuel ratio. The ignition delay is the time duration between the start of fuel injection to the start of combustion and comprises evaporation and dissociation time scales, both of which are functions of the charge temperature and pressure before fuel injection. There exists a fundamental trade-off between efficiency – favoured by high temperature difference between initial and final process temperatures – and NOx formation rate – increasing rapidly with rising absolute process temperature. The pathway to reducing the NOx formation rate and simultaneously increasing the efficiency therefore requires lowering the initial charge temperature while limiting the peak process temperature. However, to ensure stable and uniform auto-ignition, the initial temperature cannot be lowered arbitrarily.

New combustion concept

In the previous Section, the physical foundation needed for the realization of clean and efficient diesel combustion was laid out, i.e. lowering the charge air temperature to the minimum level needed for stable auto-ignition [1]. We achieve this by advancing the inlet valve (IV) closure (called the Miller Timing), thus reducing the in-cylinder compression ratio. This results not only in a reduced temperature rise during the compression stroke but also in reduced in-cylinder compressive work. To keep a similar global air-to-fuel ratio, we also need to raise the charge air pressure so as to introduce the same air mass over the shorter inlet valve open duration. This is achieved with a serial 2-stage turbo charging system (2St-TC), which again allows efficiency improvements, since inter-cooling between the two stages leads to very efficient second-stage compression.

Current achievements

The CCEM supported the realization of the Large Engine Research Facility at PSI, which was commissioned in 2008. Since
then, we have converted the standard (baseline) configuration to the modified (Miller with 2St-TC) setup detailed above. The research was supported by the EU (FP 7 Program project: Hercules-β) and proved to be a successful collaboration between industry (Wärtsilä and ABB Turbo Systems) and academic partners (PSI and ETHZ). Using predictive simulation models and engine tests, we have optimized the camshaft profile with respect to IV closure and valve overlap and matched the charging system according to the required boost pressure and mass throughput. On average, a more than 50% reduction in NOx emission and, at the same time, reduced specific fuel consumption by ~2%, without increasing the soot levels, have been achieved. For start-up and low-load operation, a hydraulic retarder (VIC) allows the Miller timing to be offset by extending the valve opening time, in order to reach auto-ignition temperature when only low boost pressure levels are available.

Figure 1 compares different degrees of Miller timing introduced by the different camshaft configurations (M1, M2, M3) tested.

Future work / Challenges ahead

Despite our successful results, a further significant reduction in specific NOx emissions is needed to meet the strict Tier III limits of 80% NOx reduction by 2016, put forward by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). As mentioned above, further improvement by “cold” diesel combustion is not possible, because the high ignition delay counteracts the achieved benefits. Future work will therefore focus on combining additional prospective technologies, namely exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) to the charge air. With EGR, we can reduce the available oxygen concentration, directly reducing the NOx formation rate, and add inert heat capacity in the form of the exhaust gas, thus limiting the peak process temperature. This technology, however, has a drawback with respect to soot oxidation rate, which also depends on the oxygen concentration. Soot production and oxidation is naturally present in spray combustion systems and the amount of soot produced decreases with the fineness of the fuel atomization. The atomization level is governed by maximum fuel injection pressure, a limiting constraint, especially for large injectors. To overcome this classical limit, we plan to apply water-in-fuel emulsions, exploiting the so-called secondary atomization of fuel droplets resulting from rapid water evaporation. This reduces soot production and thus allows complete soot oxidation, even with lower oxygen availability.

Spray combustion diagnostics

As mentioned in the Introduction, diesel spray combustion comprises a multitude of physical phenomena, which are not readily quantifiable within a combustion engine. To gain further insight, we apply laser diagnostics in a constant volume combustion cell, to distinguish between the liquid, vapour and burned gas phases. Here, we use the ExcilPlex \[2\] (excited-state complex) fluorescence technique to determine the distribution between liquid and vapour phases. This technique allows non-intrusive analysis of fuel droplet evaporation prior to ignition. The chosen additives have evaporation properties similar to the fuel and are selected to fluoresce at different wavelengths in liquid and vapour phases when excited by ultra-violet laser light. The measured fluorescence intensity can then be related to the contribution of each phase. This technique requires further development, however, to allow quantitative measurement of evaporating liquid fuel sprays.

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The Wind of Change – Transitions in the Electrochemistry Laboratory

The past year maintained continuity in, but also brought change to, the Electrochemistry Laboratory. The future Laboratory Head, taking over on 1 January 2012, joined the Laboratory and started activities towards novel research areas. Nine PhD students, more than ever before, successfully finished their dissertations and entered a new phase in their professional careers. Important progress was again made, in particular, in the lead project with our industrial partner Belenos Clean Power AG, and in many areas of electrochemical materials research. Progress was supported by developing characterization methods at PSI’s large facilities, and by commissioning powerful analytical equipment.

The year 2011 was an important year for the Electrochemistry Laboratory. In February, Dr. Thomas J. Schmidt, who had been working here during 2001/2002 and later joined the fuel-cell industry, was appointed Professor for Electrochemistry at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich, and designated future Head of the Electrochemistry Laboratory at the Paul Scherrer Institute, to take on this task on 1 January 2012. This gave the opportunity to provide continuity, on the one hand, as well as to allow a gradual changeover from the outgoing Head of Laboratory to the incoming one. The appointment strongly emphasizes the resurgence of electrochemistry in academia as an important, cross-cutting discipline in chemistry and in energy research in general, as well as in industry, reflecting the fact that many solutions to energy problems may be found through an electrochemical approach.

Change was also evident among the young research staff, as nine PhD students, more than ever before, finished their dissertations during the year and left the Laboratory to enter a new phase in their professional careers. We are proud that all of them achieved smooth transitions into their new environments. In addition, several staff at the post-doc and scientist level moved to industry, reflecting the increased need there for highly-educated electrochemists. Nevertheless, progress occurred in many areas of our work.

H₂/O₂ polymer electrolyte fuel cell systems

Our collaboration with Belenos Clean Power Holding resulted in the successful demonstration of a fuel-cell car, powered by a 25 kW H₂/O₂ polymer electrolyte (PEFC) fuel-cell system designed and realized within this collaboration at our laboratory. Furthermore, a 5 kW fuel-cell system for a boat application was operated successfully at the same time.

The clear advantage of fuel-cell technology is shown by the high efficiency of hydrogen conversion to electrical energy for the fuel-cell stack and the fuel-cell system, as displayed in Figure 1.

Materials research for electrochemical devices

Materials research for electrochemical devices, batteries, supercapacitors, and fuel cells continued at an even higher pace. Several important materials characterization methods have been recently implemented and commissioned to service the day-to-day work of the Laboratory, including confocal Raman microscopy combined with infrared microscopy, scan-
ning electron microscopy with EDX and, very recently, an XRD machine planned to be used both as the work-horse for synthetic material development as well as for the further development of in situ X-ray diffraction methods. The latter is very important, as it will allow us to test electrochemical cells under development in situ before using expensive beam time at the Swiss Light Source (SLS). All available methods will considerably improve our ability to study relevant material properties, in particular with respect to novel battery materials and concepts relevant to our industrial projects in this area.

The use of beamlines at the SLS and the SINQ Neutron Source was continued and extended. One subject addressed in particular is the understanding of the water management of PEFCs [2, 3]. X-Ray Tomography at the SLS (Figure 3), as well as Neutron Imaging at the SINQ (Figure 4), were used to characterize the state of liquid water in the porous nano- and microstructures of a membrane-electrode assembly.

Materials research for supercapacitors was concentrated on the utilization of graphite oxide, a precursor for graphene preparation, and on ionic liquids (ILs) as novel electrolytes. Both approaches aim to increase the energy density of these high-power devices.

Due to the fact that ILs have a negligible vapour pressure, these electrolytes allow electrochemistry to be performed in a vacuum. Thus, surface-analytical tools such as XPS (Figure 5) can be utilized to study the performance of various ILs as electrolytes for supercapacitors or other electrochemical devices.

Conclusion

Based on last year’s work, we are proud to report an exceptional output of publications, surpassing the number of 50 peer-reviewed contributions to well-esteemed journals in the field in 2010. In addition to our traditional fields, we have been working in new areas of R&D which are planned to be taken up by the Laboratory in the near future, e.g. high-temperature PEFCs, PE electrolyzers, and other important electrochemical energy-related devices, in order to underline the internationally leading role of our Laboratory in electrochemical energy conversion and storage.

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The Competence Center Energy and Mobility, CCEM, provides support for joint projects run by research institutes within the ETH Domain, with the goal of working towards a more sustainable energy system. The CCEM looks back to a very successful year 2011. Two projects in its portfolio were completed. In parallel, fourteen new proposals were submitted in response to a Call for Proposals, which is the second-largest response after the initial call at the creation of CCEM and a clear sign of the attraction of the inter-institutional collaboration that CCEM can offer.

In 2011, after the incident at the Fukushima nuclear plant, the Swiss Government decided to implement a new energy policy, in which the existing nuclear power plants will not be replaced at the end of their operational lives, and the associated electricity production needs to be substituted. CCEM has been asked to support the task force to define the research needs within Switzerland to tackle the challenges of this “New energy strategy 2050”.

In 2011, the topic of energy came to the forefront of public awareness and back to the political agenda. The incident in Fukushima triggered intense debate about the energy future of Switzerland. In addition, the World Energy Outlook, published by the International Energy Agency, showed that global emissions are following a trend where it is becoming more and more difficult to achieve the target of global warming not exceeding the level of 2°C.

Energy research has already been intensified in the ETH Domain during the past five years. CCEM was created in 2006 and began to encourage collaborative energy research projects within the Domain. The events of 2011 created the insight that substantially more energy research is needed to tackle the challenges associated with any profound change in our energy supply system.

CCEM is ready to contribute very actively in this long-term process, offering a platform for collaboration among the institutions of the ETH Domain, as well as with the Universities of Applied Sciences and industry. To this end, CCEM strives to foster research activities in the fields of energy provision, conversion, transmission and usage. In addition, CCEM is willing to share its experience and results within the larger context of the Cleantech initiative. Among other measures in 2011, CCEM further strengthened its activities in three major directions to achieve this goal:

- Maintain a transparent and proven process to facilitate interdisciplinary projects, emphasizing high standards of scientific quality
- Concentrate research efforts on dedicated questions in the field of energy
- Provide access to cutting-edge infrastructure for energy research within the ETH Domain and beyond and continuously upgrade such infrastructure for the benefit of facilitating projects

CCEM published a Call for Research Proposals in August 2011. A total of 14 new proposals were submitted, of which two were co-submitted to the CCEM and the Competence Center Environment and Sustainability, CCES. So far, seven projects have been approved, with the evaluation process still ongoing for other projects, in a second round.

The quality of proposals has continuously increased over recent years. In 2011, PSI researchers were particularly successful: Four out of the seven funded projects are headed by PSI-affiliated principal investigators.

In 2011, the energy topic was present in several national calls for programmes such as NCCRs and NFPs. Surveying the submissions shows that collaborations within CCEM have been helpful for several groups in the creation of consortia for joint applications.

Infrastructure in routine operation

The existing infrastructure, which has been supported by CCEM, was complemented by a battery test bench, installed at Empa in Dübendorf. This facility can be used to test full battery packs in charge/discharge cycling. Safety provisions are such that load tests up to the limits of battery specifications can be performed. This test bench is used in two CCEM projects which are currently running, i.e. the COHYB Project, exploring the ideal...
internal combustion engine in combination with a battery to form a specific hybrid powertrain concept, and the UFCEV Project, investigating the fast charging process in combination with limited grid access. Also over the next few years, specific additional equipment, required for the research questions being addressed, will be supported by CCEM.

Results of collaborative projects

Until the end of 2011, 15 investment and research projects had been completed within the CCEM framework, of which two ended in 2011. Hydronet investigated questions on the dynamic operation of pumped hydropower plants, and Retrofit explored new system solutions for renovating houses, with the goal of lowering energy consumption. Details are reported in [1].

Groups from PSI, ETH Zurich, and Empa are collaborating in the project “Technology-centred Electric Mobility Assessment” (THELMA), with Stefan Hirschberg, Head of Laboratory for Energy Systems Analysis at PSI, as principal investigator. THELMA is an integrated, technology-based study of the potential for light electric vehicles in Switzerland, assessing their tradeoffs and sustainability compared with other drivetrains and fuels. The environmental, economic and social performances of both current and future vehicles are combined with future transport demand, fleet penetration scenarios and charging patterns, to model changes in Swissgrid’s net demand, cost and reliability. Criteria include both direct and indirect effects, e.g. not just exhaust emissions and downwind impacts, as well as upstream fuel-chain effects. These results are used as the basis for national scenarios, supplemented by local community case studies. Analytical results will be integrated using total costs and multi-criteria decision support to form a transparent basis for evaluating sustainability and informing decision makers and stakeholders.

One of the five work packages focuses on life-cycle assessment (LCA). In 2011, the life-cycle inventory was completed for the full range of current vehicles and those foreseen for the immediate future, from e-bikes to small lorries with all relevant drivetrain technologies. Datasets were compiled for two-wheelers, electric drivetrain components, such as magnets and power electronics, fuel cells and future lightweight vehicles. The noise effects of different road vehicles were included and a new framework developed for modelling road transport in the next version (v3) of the ecoinvent database. Entry of the Life Cycle Inventories (LCI) data from THELMA into ecoinvent is on-going.

As an example, the results for e-bikes, and especially scooters, (Figure 1) show that electrification has a huge potential for environmental benefits, due to the current lack of stringent emission standards for two-stroke engines.

Comparing the production and usage of fuel-cell vehicles (FCVs) with battery electric vehicles (BEVs) and conventional internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles shows a strong dependence on the energy carriers, i.e. the specific production pathways for hydrogen and electricity. Current BEVs are more environmentally friendly than current FCVs, which in turn are more climate-friendly than petrol-driven cars if low-carbon electricity is used for electrolytic hydrogen production. At the same time, limitations with respect to range and refuelling time are more stringent for BEVs than for FCVs.

Interaction with Society

After the incident at Fukushima, the Swiss Government decided to implement a new energy policy, targeting the phasing out of nuclear power at the end of the operational lives of the existing plants. A task force was appointed by the government to define the research effort needed to implement this strategy. CCEM was asked to support the project team in the formulation of an action plan for energy research.

The interested public had the possibility to be informed in several workshops and seminars, specifically in the domain of individual personal mobility, but also in the building sector and the production of electricity.

At the end of 2011, the Chairmanship of novatlantis was handed over from Roland Stulz to Urs Elber, who, at the same time, became the new managing director of CCEM.

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The catastrophic events which took place at the Fukushima-Daiichi nuclear reactor site in Japan in March 2011 had severe repercussions in many countries. As well as assessing these events in detail, we pursued our research into how to improve the safety of plants which already meet existing safety standards. One project which was completed during 2011 was the collection of data at the PANDA facility relating to the hydrogen distribution in a reactor containment vessel. On the analytical front, we have incorporated operator action into our probabilistic safety assessment modelling of nuclear plants. In another study, we investigated a method for mitigating stress corrosion cracking in reactor internals, and in a second project we developed a more robust model for diffusion in the clays being proposed for the Swiss nuclear waste repository. Our continuing monitoring of trends in the nuclear industry enables us to keep abreast of developments and we have maintained our strong education activity for future generations.

Fukushima-Daiichi and its aftermath

The past year will remain a lowlight for nuclear energy operation and research worldwide. An earthquake of historic dimensions, and the tsunami that followed it, hit the north-eastern coast of Japan’s main island in March 2011, resulting in a direct toll of nearly 19,000 missing or dead. This event – a once-in-a-millennium occurrence – hit 15 nuclear reactors. At 4 of these, on the Fukushima-Daiichi site, all power supplies, including the emergency ones, were lost, together with access to the indispensable ultimate heat sink. The 3 reactors that were operating at full power unavoidably underwent partial reactor core meltdown. No fatalities were declared in addition to the tsunami toll, but the land lost for use due to contamination is presently comparable to the hundreds of square kilometres directly devastated by the tsunami.

The first lessons to be learnt for nuclear researchers were rapidly clear. Access to a heat sink for removal of the residual heat of a reactor was always deemed to be mandatory for a few hours following an accident, or after a few days in the most modern and resilient reactor types. The lack of resilience to be able to survive for many days resulted in this case from the severe underestimation of the external risk (the height of the coastal waves generated by the tsunami) and from overconfidence in placing almost all emergency power sources at a single location liable to flooding.

The findings in nuclear research at PSI that we are highlighting this year concern ways and means to further increase the safe and reliable operation of plants that are already very reliable, such as the Swiss nuclear power plants. The Swiss and European stress tests that were performed in 2011 showed that basic, as well as state-of-the-art, safety requirements have been fulfilled for a long time in Switzerland. This justifies our commitment to very advanced research topics at the forefront of international development.

Hydrogen stratification

PSI’s PANDA large-scale thermal hydraulics facility has a long tradition of providing experimental validation of passive safety concepts for nuclear reactors, such as the ESBWR reactor design equipped with a 72-hour reserve capacity for residual heat removal by means of passive safety systems (i.e. independent of any external power supply). It brought to conclusion in 2011 a set of experiments performed within an international partnership. How hydrogen stratifies in layers within a reactor containment vessel, how these layers are broken up by internal fluid flows and how explosive concentrations may (or may not) be reached was studied in detail, and accurate numerical calculations of the fluid-dynamic flows occurring and the thermal and concentration gradients present were carried out. The positive effects of passive autocatalytic hydrogen recombiners, which avoid hydrogen build-up, were calculated and measured, as well as the adverse thermally-induced local flows produced. These studies enable the optimal placement of these safety devices within the containment. It should be noted that such recombiners were not
present in the containments of the ruined Japanese reactors, which underlines the long, and sometimes unsuccessful, path from important research discoveries to their implementation in situ.

Probabilistic Safety Assessment

Potential accident sequences are modelled in order to evaluate their likelihood before an accident would occur. This is the basis of probabilistic safety assessment, the tool with which operators, regulators and researchers identify the best ways and means of further reducing the residual risk during plant operation. We have integrated into this tool the dynamic interplay between the behaviour of a plant and the possible actions taken by its operators, including variation of the timing of such actions. We have shown that this higher fidelity to the unravelling of in situ events improves our estimate of the ability of plants and crew to achieve the desired success criteria in accidental situations.

Mitigation of stress corrosion cracking

The mitigation of stress corrosion cracking in the reactor internals and recirculation pipes of boiling water reactors is the story of one implementation of research findings that has successfully increased the reliability of industrial operation. Here, the noble metal and catalyst platinum is injected into the water coolant flow of the reactor. This results in the efficient recombination into water of the oxygen generated by radiolysis that would otherwise corrode steel. This controls the source of corrosion and thereby the corrosion itself. The present findings show that the continuous and very slow injection of small nanoparticles of a platinum compound safely and indefinitely protects steel components against oxygen, the main cause of stress corrosion cracking. The detailed analysis of material extracted from the reactors cooling circuit in our Hot Laboratory shows that a continuous very slow injection of small nanoparticles of a platinum compound safely and indefinitely protects the steel components against oxygen, the main cause of stress corrosion cracking.

Waste repository diffusion

In underground waste repositories, much confidence is given to the capacity of clay minerals, natural or man-made, to retain radionuclides at their surface and restrict their mobility to a very slow diffusion process. This is the basic function of clay minerals in the safety of nuclear waste repositories. We have been able to reconcile the measured diffusion coefficients of cations in clay with computed values by quantitatively assigning a surface mobility to each cation. This result increases the robustness of the diffusion coefficients that are used to assess the performance of clay-based repositories, and the present Swiss repository concept relies precisely on Opalinus clay as the host rock and on bentonite clay as the filler material in its galleries.

Trends

We have also kept a close watch on the global progress of current and future nuclear technologies. We monitor the downward trend of risk indicators, such as the core damage frequency per reactor and per year, that quantify the constant progression in safety through reactor generations. The correlated increases in kWh production costs are also monitored, together with their sensitivity to major variations of parameters such as loan interest rates or plant construction costs. A set of environmental indicators measures the trend towards sustainability with progressive reactor generations. The burden of use of uranium or thorium resources, the emission of greenhouse gases and the production of radioactive waste are all indicators that are diminishing as nuclear technology matures.

Those findings confirm a message that has been clearly sent out for about a decade: while fossil energy sources face an ecological challenge and new renewable energy sources face an economic one, nuclear energy mainly faces the third challenge – that of public acceptance.

Education and the commitment of our personnel

The Swiss political consensus on the further operation of existing nuclear plants consolidates the need for the safe operation of those plants and the safe management of their waste. Education at the highest international level and state-of-the-art scientific and technical research are the indispensable and interdependent means for further pursuing these tasks. The Nuclear Energy and Safety Department of PSI will continue to devote its skills to maintaining research and education at the high standards reached over the years. The commitment of our personnel to a more reliable, ever safer and more sustainable nuclear energy is our main asset in the pursuit of our national duty.
In the safety analysis of nuclear power plants, the requirements on systems, equipment, and personnel must be identified for diverse accident scenarios. Estimating risk then corresponds to estimating the probability that the requirements are not met and an accident follows. In this work, a dynamic event tree, which is an integrated simulation of physical processes, equipment events and operator events, is applied to support the definition of success criteria. The results show how dynamic event-tree analysis of scenario dynamics provides a better understanding of success criteria and enables improved estimates of risk to be made.

In Probabilistic Safety Assessment (PSA), the high-level tasks include defining success criteria for the accident model and estimating the probability that these requirements are met. These requirements concern how many systems or pieces of equipment must operate, the latest time by which the operators must intervene, and how long the equipment must function. In current PSA practice, detailed plant simulations are performed to define success criteria, while probabilistic models address the probability that these criteria are not met. The challenge for analysis is that the success criteria in a scenario depend on the assumptions made on what has previously occurred. In the present work, an analysis approach that combines plant simulation with sequence modelling is applied. Rather than simulating a single sequence, the Dynamic Event Tree (DET) generates a tree of sequences by treating success and failure events and the alternative event timing [1].

Medium-break Loss of Coolant Accidents (MLOCA) scenarios have been studied, i.e. accidents in which a medium-sized coolant circuit pipework fracture occurs. The main focus of the study was to develop analysis methods that benefit from the DET approach. Consequently, the analysis was performed for a decommissioned Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) in the U.S., which is frequently used in international studies and allows the results of alternative methods to be compared. The tree resulting from the DET analysis is shown in Figure 1, as illustration.

Medium-break LOCA scenarios in PWRs

In an MLOCA scenario, automatic safety systems will trip the reactor and turbine and will start to inject water into the Reactor Coolant System (RCS), in order to compensate for the loss of coolant. For MLOCAs, High-Pressure Injection (HPI) systems are required initially. Next, the RCS pressure will drop, allowing the accumulators and, finally, the Low-Pressure Injection (LPI) systems to inject. Two manual actions are often considered in MLOCAs: switching HPI or LPI to recirculation when the coolant reserve is low, and, in scenarios in which HPI fails, a rapid cooldown to reduce pressure and allow LPI to inject. The analyses focused on the influence of break size, number of HP pumps, cooldown timing and rate, and recirculation timing.

The DET tool ADS-TRACE, developed in a collaboration between PSI and the University of Maryland, was used for simulating the accident scenario, and about 300 MLOCA scenarios were analyzed. The results suggest that there is not a single most
challenging break size within the MLOCA range. The sequences have diverse requirements for the success of safety systems [2]; for example, the 5.5” break (i.e. a break in the pipework with a fluid-release area equivalent to a hole of diameter 5.5”) is the most challenging one for HPI. Figure 2 shows how the pressure in the RCS and the water level in the Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) evolve with time (upper and lower diagrams, respectively) with one HP injection line. This information shows that one HP pump is sufficient for 4” and 7” breaks, but not for the 5.5” break. For this intermediate size, the pressure remains too high for LPI. Pressure is even higher for the 4” break case, but here the core level remains above the fuel, because the leak rate is smaller. On the other hand, for sequences with HP failure and rapid cooldown, the 7” break is the most challenging one. Whereas a 100K/h cooldown rate is adequate for the smaller breaks, a faster cooldown rate is required for the 7” break to allow LP injection early enough. Based on differences in the success criteria requirements, the MLOCA range was divided into three sub-ranges. The results of quantifying the accident sequence models are shown in terms of Conditional Core Damage Probability (CCDP), i.e. the probability given the occurrence of a break, and Core Damage Frequency (CDF), which also incorporates the probability of the breaks occurring (Figures 3 and 4). The largest CCDP is found for breaks in the range 6.5–8”, due to the larger recirculation failure probability. On the other hand, 2–4.5” breaks dominate overall risk (CDF), because small breaks are relatively more likely to occur than large ones. Comparing the 3-subrange model with alternative models with 2 or 4 subranges and with models based on a single limiting break, each with its corresponding success criteria, showed that the 3-subrange model best accounts for both the break frequency and CCDP effects.

Summary

The understanding of accident dynamics produced by DET simulation was shown to improve the identification of PSA success criteria. Probabilistic calculations were then performed to examine the effect of these criteria on the estimated risk. These analyses suggest that detailed dynamic analysis is needed to avoid defining non-optimal success criteria that may distort the risk.

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PANDA experimental data for validating computational tools used in nuclear safety analysis

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The computational tools used for assessing the safety of nuclear power plants must be validated against experimental data before they can be used with confidence for analysing hypothetical accidents. Important contributions to the worldwide effort to generate a comprehensive database have been provided for the last two decades by experiments in PANDA, which is a thermal-hydraulics facility located at PSI. The most recent PANDA experimental programme within the OECD/SETH-2 project was devoted to creating a CFD-grade experimental database for the assessment and validation of such tools.

Introduction

A nuclear power plant containment building is the last barrier for preventing the release of any radiological material to the environment, and therefore plant safety systems must always ensure complete containment integrity. The analysis of thermal-hydraulic processes occurring in a Light Water Reactor (LWR) containment building under accident conditions is very complex. This complexity arises from the fact that a large number of inter-related variables have to be taken into consideration in the analysis. The performance of active and passive safety systems would depend on the thermal-hydraulic conditions in the containment, and would therefore vary during the evolution of a postulated transient. Complexity lies also in the modelling of the physical phenomena occurring during the evolution of a transient. Advanced Lumped Parameter (LP) and Computational Fluid-Dynamics (CFD) codes are the tools currently being used for LWR safety analysis. Experimental data needed for the validation of such computational tools should preferably be obtained from large-scale tests, minimizing the effect of scaling distortions in the assessment of the code models. Also, “CFD-grade” instrumentation is required for capturing three-dimensional effects [1]. The PANDA facility has been used for many years, within the framework of several international projects (European, OECD/NEA, IAEA, etc.), for investigations devoted to improving nuclear power plant safety analysis [2]. A large number of organizations (research institutions, universities, regulators, vendors, utilities) around the world have used PANDA experimental results for assessing and validating a broad spectrum of computational tools and for licensing advanced passive safety systems for modern nuclear power plants.

In the OECD/NEA (Nuclear Energy Agency)/CSNI (Committee on the Safety of Nuclear Installations)/SETH Projects (Phase 1 and 2), where PSI acted as Operating Agent, PANDA tests were performed to investigate hydrogen behaviour (e.g. transport, mixing, stratification, etc.) in the containment under the effects of basic phenomena (plume and jet) and as the consequence of heat and mass sources created by the activation of active and passive safety systems (spray, cooler, Passive Autocatalytic Recombiner (PAR), rupture disk, etc.). The SETH-2 Analytical Seminar, concluding the OECD/SETH2 Project, took place at the OECD/NEA Headquarters at Issy-les-Moulineaux (France) on 12 and 13 September, 2011, with 22 presentations and more than 50 participants from 15 countries. An example of the use of the SETH-2 PANDA data at PSI for the validation of the codes is given below.
Thermal effects of a PAR

One PANDA test series addressed the thermal effects of a PAR, in which the recombination of hydrogen and oxygen during a postulated severe accident is associated with an exothermic reaction. Such a heat source will induce convective flow, which will affect the overall hydrogen distribution in the containment. For the correct positioning of these safety components, computational tools must also be validated with respect to their capability of analyzing the thermal effects of PARs. For this series, only one compartment of the PANDA facility was used, consisting of two inter-connected vessels, each having a diameter of about 4 m and height of around 8 m. Figure 1 shows these two vessels, with the heat source located in the lower region of Vessel 1. At the beginning of the test, a helium-rich layer (helium is lighter than air and steam and was used to simulate hydrogen) existed in the upper part of Vessel 1. Then, due to the effect of flow induced by the heat source, the helium-rich layer mixed with the containment atmosphere beneath. Steam condensation was avoided by choosing the appropriate initial and boundary conditions for the test. Figure 2a shows schematically the temperature contour map on the vertical symmetry plane of the two vessels and the IP for a PANDA test about 1125 seconds after the test started. The hot plume created by the heater is clearly visible. The origin of the horizontal axis is on the symmetry axis of Vessel 1, with distances given in mm and temperatures in degrees Celsius.

Figure 2 shows the comparison of the time histories of the measured helium concentrations at various elevations with those calculated at PSI using the advanced containment code GOTHIC. This code, among its other features, permits the 3-D representation of volumes and includes turbulence modelling. The model contained about 20,000 cells for representing Vessel 1, and the mesh can be considered coarse, at least in comparison with typical meshes used for CFD simulations.

Both experiment and calculations showed that the height of the helium-rich layer (the initial nominal density interface is between Levels C and G) gradually reduced, and within 2000 seconds the fluid in Vessel 1 above the entrance of the heater was well mixed. The code closely predicted the progress of the drop in helium concentration at levels G, D and C, as well as its increase at the entrance of the heater, due to helium transported downwards by the convection loop produced by the thermal plume. The calculated helium concentration drop at the highest elevation occurred with some delay with respect to the experiment, but in general the simulation results were in fairly good agreement with the data.

Conclusions

The information on mesh resolution and turbulent models needed to simulate the thermal effects of PAR in PANDA now allows GOTHIC to be used with more confidence for the simulation of similar effects in a nuclear plant containment. Within the planned OECD/NEA HYMERES (Hydrogen Mitigation, Experiment for Reactor Safety) Project (2012–2015), some PANDA test series will address the thermal effects of PAR in the presence of containment wall condensation, as well as the combined effects of two safety components (e.g. two PARs, cooler-spray, etc).

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How mobile are sorbed cations in clay materials?

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Diffusion is the main transport process by which contaminants can move through clay minerals and argillaceous rocks foreseen as barriers in radioactive-waste repository systems. The negatively charged surfaces of clay minerals retain cationic contaminants. Such sorbed cations are commonly considered to be immobile on the surfaces. It has been observed, however, that the diffusive flux of cations is larger than expected when considering sorbed ions as immobile. We have compiled a large quantity of diffusion data and shown that fluxes can be modelled consistently with a surface diffusion model when assigning non-zero mobilities to sorbed cations. The improved diffusion model can be used for more accurate performance assessment of waste repositories.

The low hydraulic conductivities and the large retention capacities for many cationic contaminants make compacted bentonite a highly suitable barrier material in radioactive-waste repositories. For the same reasons, argillaceous rocks are envisaged in many countries as potential host formations for the disposal of radioactive waste. Molecular diffusion is the main transport process in such compact clays, and has been investigated at various scales. Figure 1 shows a schematic representation of diffusion pathways in clays which occur locally in parallel, and on a larger scale also in series. A non-sorbing water tracer, for example tritiated water, is able to diffuse in the water-filled connected pore space that includes the regions near external mineral surfaces and the clay interlayers (internal surfaces), where cations are sorbed. An intriguing observation has been made for many cationic contaminants at trace concentrations: Often, sorbing cations seem to diffuse at rates larger than predicted from their sorption coefficients and from the diffusion coefficients of non-sorbing water tracers. This increased solute flux was often attributed – without proof – to surface diffusion, i.e. the movement of sorbed cations along the clay surfaces. There is, however, no agreement about the existence and the importance of this phenomenon.

A considerable amount of new diffusion data in clay materials has been gathered in recent years, and a new evaluation of the concept of surface diffusion seemed appropriate. We wanted to answer the following questions: (1) Can a simple surface diffusion model describe the general trend in all of the data? (2) Do surface diffusion coefficients depend on the type of clay or the experimental conditions? To answer these questions, we compiled a large quantity of published diffusion data and, by appropriate scaling, integrated them into a single dataset and estimated, for each case, the only remaining free parameter, the surface diffusion coefficient [1].

In our surface diffusion model, we differentiate between just two “states” for cations: sorbed or in solution. This may be

Figure 1: Schematic representation of the diffusion pathways of tracers through the pore space and (while sorbed) along the surfaces: (a) Parallel diffusion at the local scale; (b) Serial diffusion at the sample scale.
an oversimplification in certain cases, but seems to be justified generally, as has become evident a posteriori. In contrast to the standard models, both the dissolved and the sorbed fraction of the tracer are mobile according to the pore and the surface diffusion coefficients, respectively, which include the effects of the tortuosity (a factor accounting for the twisted diffusion pathways in a porous medium). The overall effective diffusion coefficient \( D_e \) is then the sum of the two diffusion coefficients, each multiplied by the corresponding tracer mass fraction. With some simplifying assumptions, we can represent \( D_e \) as

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D_e = \frac{\varepsilon D_0}{1 + \kappa \mu_s} (1 + \kappa \mu_s) \tag{1}
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where \( \varepsilon \) is the porosity, \( r \) the tortuosity, \( D_0 \) the bulk water diffusion coefficient of the cation, \( \kappa \) the amount of sorbed tracer per amount in solution (capacity ratio), and \( \mu_s \) the surface mobility of the cation (relative mobility on the surface as compared to the mobility in bulk solution). In the traditional approach, sorbed cations have zero surface mobility.

To test this model, all measured effective cation diffusion coefficients were normalised by their \( D_0 \) and by the \( \varepsilon \) and \( r \) of the sample, as derived from the diffusion of a non-sorbing water tracer. Such scaled effective diffusion coefficients should then be equal to \( 1 + \kappa \mu_s \). In Figure 2, the scaled diffusion coefficients are plotted against the capacity ratio \( \kappa \). The data follow the expected trend, when using a different \( \mu_s \) for each cation, or for each type of sorption in the case of Cs, where data at trace concentrations in samples with illite behave differently. Figure 3 shows the distribution of all individually calculated surface mobilities. Na has the highest average surface mobility (about 0.5 of the mobility in bulk water), followed by Sr, Ca and Cs, for which different types of sorption seem to have different surface mobilities. Insufficient data were available for K, Rb and Co to reach concrete conclusions. The sequence follows inversely the selectivities of the cations for the sorption sites. A comparison of Figures 2 and 3 shows that effective diffusion coefficients are increased, even for cations with very small surface mobilities, if the number of sorbed cations greatly exceeds the number of cations in solution.

Our study revealed that virtually all the data follow a single pattern that is consistent with a simple surface diffusion model. The model relies on surface mobilities, but these have so far been largely unknown. We have derived average surface mobilities for different cations or types of sorption. These mobilities now allow the prediction of cation diffusion coefficients for any specific clay sample, based only on values for its porosity and tortuosity for a water tracer and on the cation sorption capacity. Such diffusion coefficients can then be used in the performance assessment of waste repositories.

References
This work reviews current and future nuclear reactor technologies, with an emphasis on their risk, cost and environmental features. The results are based on the literature and on our own extensive assessments. The evolution of selected, technology-specific indicators is highlighted, showing reduced risks and environmental impacts. Based on the implementations of our interdisciplinary assessment framework within numerous national and international projects, the performance of current and future nuclear technologies in the context of sustainability is briefly addressed.

Worldwide, 433 nuclear power plants, with a total generation capacity of 367 GW, are currently operating in 31 countries. Nuclear energy produces 13.0% of the world’s electricity supply. The share in OECD countries is substantially higher, at 21.1%. There are 65 reactors, with a combined generation capacity of 63 GW, currently under construction in 15 countries, and 151 additional reactors are planned in 22 countries.

Following the Fukushima accident, Germany decided to prematurely phase out its nuclear programme by 2022. The continued operation of nuclear power plants in 30 other countries is uncontested. However, political decisions were made in Germany, Switzerland, Italy and Venezuela prohibiting construction of new nuclear power plants, and Japan has scaled back its plans to increase nuclear generation of electricity.

Examples of findings

Our review [1] has addressed specific features of the various generations of nuclear power plants, i.e. GEN II, GEN III/III+ and GEN IV.

Safety and risk aspects – The safety level of GEN II plants around the world is subject to extensive variation and changes over time. The older Swiss plants at Beznau (KKB) and Mühleberg (KKM) have been extensively back-fitted, leading to radical safety improvements. The later plants at Gösgen (KKG) and Leibstadt (KKL) were designed from the beginning to meet increased safety requirements, using higher levels of redundancy and separation. The Core Damage Frequencies (CDFs) and Large Early Release Frequencies (LERFs) for the Swiss plants are shown in Figure 1, along with our estimates for the European Pressurized Reactor (EPR), here representing GEN III/III+ plants. The results are compared with the target values for existing and new plants, established by the IAEA in 1999.

The CDFs and LERFs for all operating Swiss plants are clearly below the targets for current plants and below, or slightly to moderately above, the targets for future plants. The expected frequency of accident scenarios with public consequences is typically a factor of 10–100 lower for GEN III plants than for the currently operating top GEN II plants. For some candidate GEN IV designs, there are indications that the maximum credible consequences of hypothetical accidents could be strongly reduced compared with GEN II and GEN III.
Costs – Current generation costs of the Swiss nuclear power plants are in the range of 4–6 Swiss cent/kWh (3.3–5.0 euro cent/kWh), with capital costs partially amortized. Based on a review of costs and driving factors, it is PSI’s judgment that the cost of a series EPR built between 2020 and 2030 could be between 3500 to 5000 CHF/kWe, with a mid-range value of 4250 CHF/kWe. The estimated production costs are in the range of 6.4–8.0 Swiss cent/kWh (5.3–6.7 euro cent/kWh).

Figure 2 shows sensitivity curves for an EPR, varying each parameter from 50% to 200% of the base value shown in the legend.

Environmental impacts – There is a substantially decreasing trend for environmental indicators from Gen II to Gen IV, as shown in Figure 3, with the most pronounced reductions for uranium demand and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. This improving environmental performance, along with progress in technology development, mainly reflects increased efficiency and reduced demand for fresh uranium.

Innovative designs and fuels – Small Modular Reactors (SMR) and thorium as an alternative fuel have also been considered. There are several dozen SMR designs based on the principle of Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) and Boiling Water Reactor (BWR) lines and other, non-conventional technologies. The implementation of inherent and passive safety design features can improve defence-in-depth as well as the plant economy, e.g. through reduced design complexity, investment requirements and/or off-site emergency planning. The core damage frequency of SMRs is judged to be comparable to, or lower than, those for state-of-the-art Light Water Reactors (LWRs). The capital investment for a single SMR is much smaller than for a large reactor.

Since the turn of the millennium, there has been a growing interest in the thorium fuel cycle. The use of thorium has several advantages over the established use of uranium, including the avoidance of very long-lived highly radioactive wastes. A final repository is still required, but the necessary confinement time can be significantly reduced. The probability of accidents is mainly influenced by the reactor design and less by the fuel type. Radioactive inventories are significantly smaller in a molten salt reactor and the operating pressure is also lower, leading to a lower expected risk of a major release. This applies both for the use of uranium and thorium. Reliable quantitative estimates of risks and costs are not yet available. Given the need for extensive R&D and stringent regulatory requirements, the commercialisation of the thorium cycle is expected to be highly demanding. In western Europe this would probably take on the order of 30 years.

Nuclear energy and sustainability

As with other electricity generation options, nuclear energy exhibits specific strengths and weaknesses. Under Swiss conditions, the positive features include competitive costs, safe and reliable operation, and favourable performance with regard to impacts on climate, ecosystems and human health. The risks associated with current plants are clearly below the internationally established targets, but the public risk acceptance (which concerns both hypothetical accidents and nuclear wastes) has been strongly affected by the recent Fukushima accident. GEN III/III+ plants offer decisive safety gains with regard to accident prevention and mitigation, as well as minimisation of the residual risk. Nuclear electricity generated by new plants is expected to be economically attractive, in spite of high capital costs, but only under the condition that nuclear projects are implemented as planned and that boundary conditions for operation remain stable for a long time. In order to play a major role in the future improved performance of nuclear energy with regard to the social dimension of sustainability is called for. This is being further pursued in the context of GEN IV developments.

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Stress corrosion cracking in reactor internals and recirculation pipes is an issue in Boiling Water Reactors. On-Line NobleChem™ is a technology for mitigating this cracking by efficient reduction of the electrochemical corrosion potential, without the negative side-effects of classical hydrogen water chemistry. To achieve this reduction, platinum is injected into the feed water during power operation and is claimed to deposit as metallic nanoparticles on all water-wetted surfaces, and stay electrocatalytic over long periods. To verify this, a research project has been started at PSI to investigate the deposition and distribution behaviour of platinum in Boiling Water Reactors and has already yielded first results on how to optimise the process.

Background and motivation

Under normal water chemistry conditions in a Boiling Water Reactor (BWR), the reactor water is highly oxidising, due to the formation of O2 and H2O2 by radiolysis. This is reflected by the high electrochemical corrosion potentials (ECPs) of the structural materials, a situation which has caused numerous corrosion problems in BWR plants in the past. Intergranular stress corrosion cracking (SCC) in otherwise corrosion-resistant stainless steel and nickel-base alloy components of the primary circuit have led to tremendous capacity losses in BWR plants worldwide over the past three decades, and in some cases even challenged the integrity of the primary coolant circuit [1]. From early laboratory studies, it became clear that SCC susceptibility can be significantly reduced by lowering the ECP of these steels, e.g. by injecting H2 into the feed water, which reacts with O2 and H2O2 to produce H2O [2]. To overcome several disadvantages of the injection of high amounts of H2 (e.g. increase of the main steam line dose rates), On-Line NobleChem™ (OLNC) technology has been developed by General Electric-Hitachi [2]. In this process, very dilute noble metal compounds (Na2Pt(OH)6), are injected into the feed water, where they quickly decompose. Nano-sized platinum (Pt) particles are formed and are able to deposit on the water-wetted surfaces of the structural materials, where they very efficiently electrocatalyse the recombination of H2 with O2 and H2O2. With OLNC, the ECPs at all BWR locations with stoichiometric excess of H2 and a sufficient Pt coverage of the surface can be reduced below the critical threshold value for SCC, with very low feed water H2 content.

Even though OLNC technology is already being applied in both Swiss BWRs, the detailed mechanism of formation and deposition of the Pt particles is not yet fully understood. Increased knowledge of these mechanisms would help to verify and improve the effectiveness of OLNC in plants. A research project has therefore been started at PSI as a joint programme (NORA, “Noble Metal Deposition Behaviour in BWRs”; for more details, see [3]) along with the Swiss Federal Nuclear Safety Inspectorate (ENSI) and the Swiss nuclear power plants Mühleberg (KKM) and Leibstadt (KKL).

Experimental

To investigate Pt deposition and distribution behaviour, stainless steel (AISI 304L) coupon specimens are exposed to simulated BWR water (high-purity water, T = 280°C, p = 90 bar) in a sophisticated high-temperature water loop with autoclave (Figure 1).
The ECPs of the specimens and the Pt sheet (redox) potential are measured against a reference electrode and a Pt compound (Na$_2$Pt(OH)$_6$) is injected into the inlet water stream by a high-pressure dosing pump, as in a nuclear power plant. To study Pt deposition behaviour and assess the effectiveness of OLNC technology under real plant conditions, specimens are also exposed to the reactor water in the KKL plant during actual OLNC applications.

The specimens from the tests and from KKL are analysed at PSI by high-resolution scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and/or by transmission electron microscopy (TEM). The Pt concentration on the surface of the specimens is measured by Laser Ablation-Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry (LA-ICP-MS).

Results

Some selected results are presented here to show the effect of Pt injection rate on Pt deposition behaviour and ECP reduction. SEM and TEM investigations of specimens from three experiments with different Pt injection rates (0.2, 3.8 and 11.6 µg/h) have revealed Pt particle size distributions on the oxide layer of the specimens of 1–3, 9–15 and 12–20 nm, respectively (see the example in Figure 2).

According to earlier investigations [2], the reduction of the ECP is most effective if a relatively large number of small particles are evenly distributed across the specimen surface, compared with larger, and therefore fewer, particles. For this reason, the slow injection of Pt into the feed water appears to be most effective for the protection of the steels against SCC. These tests also showed that lower Pt injection rates led to an increase in the time required to deposit enough Pt onto the steel surfaces to reduce the ECP sufficiently, which can be a negative feature for a commercial plant. Figure 3 illustrates the reduction of the ECP of a steel specimen directly after starting Pt injection ($t = 0$), down to the level of the Pt redox potential.

Results of analysis of the Pt surface concentration by LA-ICP-MS showed similar values for different Pt injection rates if the total amount of injected Pt was the same.

Conclusions and outlook

Experiments simulating OLNC applications with different Pt injection rates have revealed that the best Pt particle distribution on stainless steel specimens, and therefore best mitigation of SCC, is achieved if the Pt is injected very slowly into the feed water over a long period of time.

However, further tests and a more detailed evaluation of results still have to be performed to confirm this conclusion. Additional parameters (e.g. flow velocity of the high-temperature water across the specimen and specimen surface condition) will be studied to further verify this process and to obtain insights into the mechanism behind it. These investigations will be completed by the analysis of coupon specimens which have been exposed to reactor water in KKL during plant OLNC applications.

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Aerosol particles are liquid or solid particles suspended in the air. They are needed for cloud formation, as all cloud droplets form on aerosol particles (so-called cloud condensation nuclei, CCN). The number of droplets in a cloud has a big effect on its radiative energy balance, and therefore the number concentration of aerosol particles, as well as their formation pathways, need to be known. A large fraction of aerosol particles is not directly emitted as particles, but rather formed by nucleation processes (i.e. formed in the atmosphere from gaseous precursors). The CLOUD experiment at CERN has been designed to resolve this issue, where many processes are still poorly quantified.

Introduction

Based on current model estimates, about 40–70% of cloud droplets in the present-day global atmosphere are formed on aerosol particles that were created through the process of nucleation in the atmosphere, rather than by direct emission of the particles into the atmosphere ([1] and references therein). Thus, nucleation is likely to be a major factor controlling changes in the radiative properties of clouds, which has been identified in assessments by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) as the largest uncertainty in the anthropogenic radiative forcing of climate [2]. Despite more than 20 years of research on atmospheric nucleation, the physical and chemical mechanisms involved are still not well understood. Laboratory experiments, field studies and theoretical calculations show that nucleation of new particles is influenced by a wide range of anthropogenic and natural chemical species, such as sulphuric acid (H₂SO₄), ammonia, amines and other organic compounds ([1] and references therein). Ions produced by cosmic rays also control nucleation [1], a process that has been proposed to account for correlations between cosmic rays and fluctuations in clouds, weather and climate (e.g. [3]). Furthermore, the fraction of nuclei that grow large enough to seed cloud droplets is determined by the condensation of a range of natural and anthropogenic organic compounds, whose identities and effects are poorly understood.

The CLOUD experiment at CERN

The CLOUD consortium was formed to resolve this highly important issue and is composed of a large international collaboration (see [1]). A dedicated chamber was built (Figure 1) which allows, for the first time, the measurement of nucleation rates with minimal interference of contaminants, and with or without the addition of a pion beam simulating galactic cosmic rays (GCR).

These first quantitative measurements of neutral and ion-induced nucleation at atmospherically relevant concentra-
tions (Figure 2) have a number of important atmospheric implications:

1) At low temperature, H$_2$SO$_4$+H$_2$O (+ ammonia) can explain the atmospheric nucleation and show a rate enhancement by GCR by a factor of ~10;

2) At higher temperature (~20°C), the nucleation rate by H$_2$SO$_4$+H$_2$O (+ ammonia) is a factor of 1000 too low compared with field observations; the nucleation enhancement by GCR is only a factor of ~2;

3) Contaminants are extremely important, indicating that all previous nucleation experiments at low ‘pure’ H$_2$SO$_4$ concentrations were wrong, due to undetected contaminants;

4) In order to mimic the observed atmospheric nucleation rates in the planetary boundary layer, other species in addition to sulphuric acid, water and ammonia are needed, most probably amines and oxidised organic compounds. This confirms previous results from our laboratory experiments (grey lines in Figure 2) showing that oxidised organic compounds were able to substantially enhance the observed nucleation rates [4].

It is important to note that we have not shown yet if, with the addition of organics, the ions produced by GCR induce a similar enhancement of the nucleation rate as in the case of pure ternary nucleation (only sulphuric acid, water and ammonia); in fact, the enhancement is expected to be smaller. In addition, we have not shown a link between ions from GCR and clouds: The enhancement of cloud condensation nuclei (CCN, the fraction of aerosol particles that are able to form a cloud droplet at a certain supersaturation of water) concentrations by GCR is expected to be much smaller than for the nucleation rate, as the newly formed particles need to grow from a few nm to a size of at least 50 nm in order to be able to act as a CCN. The latter process requires, typically, at least 1 day, during which time the particle number concentration is reduced by coagulation with other aerosol particles.

In order to finally resolve the question, a parameterization of the full experimental space is first needed, followed by the appropriate global modelling. This is what we plan to do in the next few years. Ultimately, this will allow us to quantify the impact of nucleation on global aerosol and climate.

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Figure 2: Results from the CLOUD nucleation rate measurements and comparison with measurements in the atmospheric boundary layer (pale circles) and in the laboratory (grey and orange lines). The CLOUD data (large, darker symbols and lines) show the nucleation rates, $J_1$, (i.e., the formation rates of particles with a diameter of 1.7 nm), under natural galactic cosmic ray conditions, measured at 248 K (blue), 278 K (green) and 292 K (red) and at NH$_3$ mixing ratios of <35 pptv (open green and red circles), 50 pptv (open blue circles), 150 pptv (filled blue and green circles) and 190 pptv (filled red circles). The measurements at 278 and 292 K bracket the typical range of boundary layer temperatures, whereas those at 248 K reflect conditions at higher altitudes. Ion-induced nucleation in the boundary layer is limited by the ion-pair production rate to a maximum of about 4 cm$^{-3}$ s$^{-1}$ (from [1]).

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Glaciers are retreating worldwide in response to climate change. In addition to increasing temperature and changing precipitation patterns, black carbon (BC) may also contribute to this retreat. BC is produced by the incomplete combustion of biomass, coal and diesel fuels, and when deposited on glacier surfaces reduces the surface albedo and enhances melting. BC concentrations in an ice core from Mount Everest showed a threefold increase from 1975–2000 relative to 1860–1975. A pilot study on the Plaine Morte glacier in the Swiss Alps has indicated substantial albedo reductions by BC and dark natural substances deriving from decaying organic matter.

Research focus and highlights – Environment and energy systems analysis

Black carbon (BC, the absorbing component of soot) can significantly contribute to climate change by altering the Earth’s radiative balance. BC in the atmosphere absorbs light and causes atmospheric heating, whereas BC deposited on snow and ice can significantly reduce the surface albedo, hasten melting, and trigger albedo feedback [1]. BC is estimated to have 55% of the radiative forcing effect of CO₂ [2], yet BC remains one of the largest sources of uncertainty in analyses of climate change. Records of BC mass concentration and spatial and temporal distribution in the atmosphere are therefore needed to determine the role of BC in climate change. Reconstructing BC concentrations in the Himalayas is particularly important, because this region is influenced by some of the largest BC sources globally, with negative impacts on climate, water resources, agriculture and human health [2].

Furthermore, it is estimated that the largest climate forcing from BC in snow occurs over the Himalayas and the Tibetan Plateau. Here we present a high-resolution BC record from a Mt. Everest ice core covering the period 1860–2000 AD [3] (Figure 1). This provides the first pre-industrial to present-day record of BC concentrations from the Himalayas. The 108 m ice core was collected from the East Rongbuk glacier, located on the north-east ridge of Mt. Everest (28.03° N, 86.96° E, 6518 m), on the north slope of the Himalayas, and was analyzed for BC using a Single-Particle Soot Photometer (SP2, Droplet Measurement Technologies). The SP2 uses laser-induced incandescence to measure the BC mass in individual particles quantitatively and independently of particle morphology and coatings with light scattering material.

The high-resolution BC data demonstrates strong seasonality, with peak concentrations during the winter/spring, when atmospheric circulation is dominated by the Westerlies, and low concentrations during the summer monsoon season, when southerly winds are dominant at the surface. Average BC concentrations from 1860–1975 and 1975–2000 were 0.2 ± 0.3 μg/L and 0.7 ± 1.0 μg/L, respectively, indicating a three-fold increase in BC concentrations from pre-industrial to industrial times (BC concentrations reported here represent lower-limit values due to potential particle losses in the nebulizer). Higher BC concentrations in recent decades indicate that BC from anthropogenic sources is being transported to high elevation regions of the Himalayas.

Figure 1: High-resolution black carbon record from the Everest ice core. Data are re-sampled to 4 samples/year (black), due to differences in sampling resolution over time, and smoothed with a robust spline (red).
The timing of the increase in BC is consistent with BC emission inventory data from South Asia and the Middle East; however, since 1990 the ice core BC record does not indicate continually increasing BC concentrations. There is no corresponding increasing trend in dust concentrations since 1860, and estimated surface radiative forcing due to BC in snow exceeds that of dust in snow. This suggests that a reduction in BC emissions may be an effective means for reducing the effect of absorbing impurities on snow albedo and melt, which affects Himalayan glaciers and the availability of water resources in major Asian rivers.

Glaciers in the Alps have also shown a significant accumulation of deposited particulate matter. A pilot study was therefore conducted to identify the most relevant biogeochemical components contributing to the observed albedo reduction on the Plaine Morté glacier (46°23’N, 7°29’E, Swiss Alps, Figure 2). In the course of the ablation season in 2010, broadband albedo and spectral reflectance were measured and snow samples, particulate matter and ice samples were collected for biogeochemical analyses. The composition of cryoconite (deposits of airborne particles on the glacier) was analyzed by determining the bulk mineralogy, the organic fraction and the elemental carbon (EC) content. BC and EC are assumed to represent the absorbing and the elemental fractions of soot, respectively. Biogenic matter and microorganisms were additionally assessed qualitatively by microscopic techniques. The cryoconite composition obtained was then related to the observed albedo reduction between June and August 2010 (from 0.74 to 0.16, Figure 3) to quantify the relative contribution of each of the cryoconite compounds. Cryoconite deposits were found to be heterogeneously distributed on the glacier surface, but showed comparable biogeochemical composition, with the predominant contribution coming from mineral dust of local origin. Due to a lack in accurate albedo models, the relative contribution of cryoconite components to the albedo reduction could only be roughly estimated. However, the results underlined the importance of both EC and humic substances on the absorption properties of cryoconite and indicated a feedback-mechanism involving liquid water. Cryoconite was enriched in organic matter and EC compared with local loose rock, indicating slow removal processes, high biological activity and multiannual accumulation by outcropping of dust layers from melting glacier ice (Figure 2). The overall effect of cryoconite on glacier albedo is expected to become even more important in the future due to enhanced glacier retreat.

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The Energy Economics Group at PSI is undertaking some of the first integrated analysis of the Swiss energy sector and climate change mitigation strategies under global uncertainties. Nowadays, these global uncertainties include global resource availability, climate policies and, as a consequence of the recent accident in Fukushima, Japan, nuclear policies. We find that the consequences of the nuclear phase-out in Switzerland for the achievement of climate mitigation targets include the need for additional energy efficiency measures, the integration of larger shares of intermittent renewables and trade-offs with electricity independence.

The nuclear accident at Fukushima, Japan, in March 2011, increased worldwide uncertainty regarding nuclear policy. In Switzerland, the Federal Council decided in May 2011 to phase out nuclear power by not replacing existing plants at the ends of their respective lives [1]. In addition, Switzerland has an ambitious target of reducing domestic greenhouse gas emissions by 60% by 2050 (compared with 1990 levels) [2]. Given that nuclear power accounts for around 40% of current Swiss electricity generation, the Council’s decision raises important questions concerning alternative technologies and energy-saving measures needed to achieve these targets. Furthermore, available strategies for Switzerland are likely to be affected by global or regional energy-related decisions. In this work, we analyze the possible effect of changes in global and domestic technology preferences after the recent nuclear accident at Fukushima on the development of the Swiss energy system.

Approach and methodology

We address this question by exploring different scenarios of global and regional technology preferences under a stringent climate mitigation policy (a long-term global target for atmospheric CO$_2$ concentration of 400 ppm, which corresponds, according to the IPCC [3], to a “best estimate” global mean temperature change of 2.4 $^\circ$C and is consistent with the Swiss domestic target mentioned above). These scenarios are “what if” analyses – rather than predictions – of the future energy system, which contribute to identifying robust technology pathways and possible challenges associated with climate change and energy policies.

To develop this scenario analysis, we use MERGE-ETL, an integrated assessment model that represents the linkages between the economy, energy sector and climate [4]. We modified the regional definition of the model to better represent geopolitical groups and to distinguish Switzerland, which allows us to study the effects of global factors and policies on technology pathways for the Swiss region. MERGE-ETL includes a range of technologies to supply electricity and non-electric energy, comprising fossil fuel resources, such as oil, coal, gas; nuclear power plants (light water and fast breeder reactors); as well as renewable-based technologies. For some of the less mature technologies, the model accounts for the possibility of technology learning (i.e. improvements to the technology) arising from experience during development, production and use.

Climate and nuclear policy results

Figure 1 compares global and Swiss electricity production with and without a stringent climate target (Clim and BAU, respectively), but with light water reactors available – fast reactors are not considered. The climate policy leads to a decrease in electricity demand, due mainly to the deployment of more-
efficient demand-side technologies. Moreover, renewable, nuclear and carbon capture technologies become the preferred options to supply electricity worldwide, replacing the fossil fuel power plants preferred in the absence of climate mitigation policies. Nuclear power makes an important contribution to electricity generation in the first half of the century; however, global depletion of uranium resources leads to a worldwide reduction in the share of nuclear generation after 2050. In Switzerland, the availability of low-carbon hydro power and solar alternatives enables a complete substitution of nuclear after 2070.

Although nuclear energy has the potential to play a major role in the future energy system, whether this potential can be realized has become highly uncertain given recent events in Fukushima. Accordingly, we explored some of the implications of a domestic – in Switzerland and Japan – and a global moratorium on the construction of new nuclear power plants. If only Switzerland and Japan opt for such a policy, the global energy system remains relatively unchanged, while a global no-nuclear policy implies additional electricity efficiency measures and the integration of a large share of intermittent renewables. In Switzerland, Figure 2 shows that the domestic-only moratorium results in a large reliance on imports (in effect, the Swiss reactors shift to the EU). This produces only minimal economic effects, but implies a reduction in self sufficiency that may not be acceptable to Swiss policymakers. In contrast, when the whole world implements the same policy (W in Figure 2), Switzerland’s access to cheap low-carbon electricity imports becomes limited, requiring more drastic action, including further reductions in electricity demand, earlier deployment of renewable generation and the use of natural gas combined-cycle generation with carbon capture as a transition technology.

For Japan, access to electricity imports is limited in all cases, so a domestic phase-out of nuclear power requires significant changes to the energy system, while a global phase-out of nuclear has relatively little additional effect. The nuclear moratorium has important economic consequences in the realization of the global climate target. Figure 3 presents the GDP losses (compared to the BAU scenario) associated with achieving the climate target for each scenario on nuclear availability. Swiss and global GDP losses in the global no-nuclear scenario increase substantially in the periods when nuclear energy would otherwise be highly competitive, due to earlier investment in solar technologies and additional efficiency measures. However, if only Switzerland and Japan forgo nuclear, global economic costs are similar to the scenario with nuclear and Swiss GDP losses are substantially lower (although reliance on imports is greatly increased). Swiss GDP losses are generally lower than global losses because the Swiss electricity sector is already relatively decarbonized in the BAU scenario.

In summary, the results indicate that stringent mitigation targets under a nuclear moratorium imply important changes to the Swiss and global energy systems, including a larger use of renewables, the deployment of natural gas, with carbon capture as a transition technology, and a considerable reduction in electricity demand, requiring extensive efficiency measures.

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Aerosol aging caught in the act

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Chemical transformations of atmospheric particles known as aerosol aging are crucial for their effect on human health, climate and atmospheric composition. Kinetic experiments with the short-lived radioactive tracer $^{13}$N have provided a snapshot of reactive oxygen intermediates in protein nitration, a potential route to the formation of allergens in biological particles. The longer-term aerosol aging efficiency is strongly linked to the physical state of the particles, specifically to viscosity, which may control chemical reactions. Highly-focused X-rays provide spatially-resolved information about chemical changes within the nanoworld of submicron particles. This information will improve our ability to describe aerosol evolution and to assess their impact on climate and human health.

Introduction

Aerosol aging refers to the mostly oxidative chemical transformations during the lifetime of atmospheric particles. These transformations may generate or degrade toxic compounds, they may change the effect of particles on the radiative budget of the atmosphere, or they may make the particles better cloud condensation nuclei (CCN) and thus influence climate. The efficiency of chemical reactions within the particles themselves strongly depends on the physical state of the particles. Recent research has highlighted that particles may not only be either solid or liquids, as previously thought, but also attain semi-solid or glassy states. We have established tools to capture the physical chemistry of particulate matter at different spatial and temporal scales, to support better assessment of their effects on human health or climate.

Snapshot of protein nitration

It has been suggested that nitrated proteins are involved in the allergic response of humans to bioparticles, such as pollen. Nitration may occur at the phenolic group of tyrosine, a common amino-acid in proteins. PSI's PROTRAC facility provided the short-lived radioactive tracer $^{13}$N to measure nitrate formation in bovum serum albumin (BSA) particles in the presence of NO$_2$ and O$_3$ (Figure 1), which involves a reactive oxygen intermediate, a phenoxy type radical [1]. The study also emphasized the wider role of such reactive oxygen intermediates in atmospheric chemistry and, potentially, in the health effects of particulate matter.

Humidity-driven reactivity

Reaction with O$_3$ is also an important oxidation process for many other organic compounds in atmospheric particles, along with reactions with odd oxygen or halogen radicals that slowly convert the primary particles into more oxidised, and often more soluble and CCN-active, particles. The efficiency of the reaction with O$_3$ may be strongly linked to the viscosity...
by virtue of the diffusion coefficient [2]. The kinetics of the reaction of O$_3$ with tannic acid, a proxy for atmospheric polyphenolic compounds, is shown in Figure 2. The uptake coefficient, γ, which is the rate of reaction normalized to the gas kinetic collision rate with the surface, increases by close to two orders of magnitude between 0% and 95% relative humidity (RH). We believe that tannic acid undergoes moisture-induced phase transitions, which explains the changes in viscosity and diffusivity, and thus reactivity. Highly viscous semi-solid or glassy states that are conceivable for many soluble organic compounds lead to extremely long diffusion times, and thus to effective shielding of reactive organic compounds from degradation by atmospheric oxidants.

**Nanochemistry in sight**

The many important insights obtained so far into the chemistry in atmospheric particles is from observations of the loss of gas-phase species or from bulk (average) chemical analysis of individual, or an ensemble of, particles. We have now embarked on new avenues of interrogating the interior of particles by applying soft X-ray scanning transmission microspectroscopy (STXM) that allows spatially-resolved chemical information to be obtained. We have developed a microreactor for the STXM endstation of the PolLux beamline (SLS) [3, 4] that allows temperature and humidity of particles deposited on a substrate to be controlled, and exposes them to oxidants. As an example, Figure 3 demonstrates the distribution of oxygen in a tannic acid particle swelling due to uptake of water at different relative humidities. Shikimic acid is an important metabolite in plants and has been found in particles from biomass burning. It contains a C=C double bond susceptible to attack by O$_3$. Figure 4 depicts changes in carbon K-edge X-ray absorption spectra from individual shikimic acid particles due to exposure to O$_3$. Decreasing intensity at 285 eV (C=C double bonds) go along with increasing intensity at 288 eV (carboxylic acids). Such information opens the way for combined chemical and structural information with nanometer resolution.

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User facilities

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High-intensity proton accelerator (HIPA)

In 2010, the performance of the Ring cyclotron was severely limited by deformed trim plates. The reduced vertical aperture caused higher extraction losses and a distortion of the electrical symmetry. The trim plates were exchanged during the annual shutdown, and this resulted in very good performance of the Ring cyclotron in 2011. The low beam losses made it possible to achieve a new record beam intensity of 2.4 mA, corresponding to 1.4 MW beam power, during several dedicated shifts.

In the first week of user operation, starting on 12 April, the stability of the facility was still impaired by discharges in the high voltage elements of the Ring cyclotron as well as in the ECR source. Some minor technical problems had still to be resolved in the context of the shutdown. Thus there was a reduced availability of ≈ 80% during the first week of user operation. Over the second week, the beam current could be raised to its nominal value of 2.2 mA, and the beam availability increased to more than 90%. After the May service, a major vacuum leak occurred in the Ring cyclotron, and almost two days were necessary to find and repair the leak, which was in
an RF pickup. As a consequence, that week showed the lowest availability for the year 2011. Two more weeks had availabilities below 80% (Figure 1). In Week 28, a vacuum leak near the ion source, a defective collimator control module and a short circuit in a switch used by the personnel safety system were the main causes. In Week 37, the ion source extraction element could not be operated at its nominal voltage and had to be replaced. This caused 20 hours of beam interruption.

Figure 1 shows the facility availability together with the weekly averaged production current, the charge accumulated on the 4 cm meson production target and the number of beam trips throughout 2011. The overall availability of the facility amounted to 91%, constituting a new record in the history of HIPA. The integrated charge was 9.6 Ah on Target E and 6.3 Ah on the SINQ spallation target (Table 1). The various relative contributions to the downtimes in 2011 are shown in Figure 2.

The downtime was dominated by the categories of: vacuum, RF, cooling systems and ion source. Together, these represent more than 50% of the registered downtime. The failures related to RF were mainly caused by the aging amplifier of Resonator 4 in Injector II. Over the full year, the availability was recovered to values obtained in previous years (Figure 3).

The UCN facility was routinely operated during 2011. For this facility, the 590 MeV beam is switched periodically, every twelve minutes, for time intervals of 8 seconds, from the meson production targets towards the UCN target.

**PROSCAN**

The year 2011 was a very successful year with respect to the operation of the 250 MeV SC cyclotron and the Proton Therapy facility PROSCAN. Figure 5 shows that the number of operational hours (beam available or used) has increased to 7023 hours, with an availability of 98%. Apart from the continuation of Gantry-1 operation, beam time was used by OPTIS2 for the whole year. The Centre for Proton Therapy used 3134 hours and 638 hours were used for irradiations at PIF. About 50 hours of unscheduled downtime were due to failures of new encoders that appeared to be too sensitive to the magnetic field of the cyclotron. About 40 hours were lost due to recurring water leaks in cooling panels of the RF amplifier. To overcome this problem, the RF amplifier has been modified, with an external heat exchanger (Figure 4), so that all components containing water are located outside the racks.

Accelerator developments at PROSCAN were aimed at reducing the frequency of service interventions. The lifetime of the new tungsten puller nose has proven to be more than a year. Improved alignment procedures of the ion source and a new

![Figure 2](image2.png) **Figure 2**: Downtime characterization for HIPA outages longer than 5 minutes (ca. 340 hours).

![Figure 3](image3.png) **Figure 3**: HIPA availability over the last 10 years.

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Table 1: Operational statistics of HIPA.

![Figure 4](image4.png) **Figure 4**: New cooling system for the PROSCAN RF amplifier.
chimney design resulted in a reduced ion source arc current. Due to these measures, the typical time between ion source services has been increased from one to four weeks. A new design of the vertical deflector plates has improved mechanical robustness and service friendliness, which decreased working time and the resulting personnel dose needed for an exchange. A new phase-slit system at 1 MeV is being tested. Compared to the present slits at 10 MeV, this will substantially reduce the activation of the cyclotron. It may also allow regulation of the beam intensity by slight changes in RF power. It is planned to study this problem with the OPAL beam simulation program, and a model of the cyclotron has been implemented for this code. Initial studies for coupling the cyclotron to a pulsed booster accelerator have been started. Proton beams at higher energy are of interest for applications in proton radiography. In addition, the reduced multiple scatter at higher energy makes it possible to deliver very sharply demarcated dose distributions for patient treatment. A linear accelerator (Linac), accelerating protons from 250 MeV to 350 MeV, would be pulsed at 200 Hz with a pulse width of about 5 μs. In this context, the power supply and connections of the vertical deflector plates in the cyclotron have been modified, to provide the possibility to pulse the cyclotron beam intensity with a rise time of 1 μs (Figure 6). In this way, beam losses between the Linac pulses can be minimized. A design study of a Linac has been started, in collaboration with the TERA foundation at CERN.

Swiss Light Source (SLS)

In September 2011, the Department of Synchrotron Radiation Research celebrated ten years of user operation at the Swiss Light Source. The accelerator crew had reasons to celebrate as well: A new record for the vertical beam emittance [1] was established, and the beam availability in 2011 reached a value of 98.7%. The mean time between failures increased from three days in the two years before to about four days in 2011. The major improvement to reach this outstanding mean time between failures was an upgrade of the arc detectors at the four RF stations of the storage ring. Each station has two arc detectors and, in former years, each detector created several beam trips per year. It was suspected that a large fraction of these arc interlocks had been caused by noise in the detection system and not by real breakdowns. Coincidence arc detectors have now been installed to improve this situation. They only cause an RF interlock if two arc detectors close to each other measure an arc at the same time. Indeed, none of the upgraded detectors did actually measure any arcs in coincidence. Only four arc interlocks occurred in 2011, instead of an average of sixteen interlocks in preceding years. This reduced number of beam trips is clearly visible in the diagram for the cumulative downtime. The event numbers are split into two categories by duration (longer or shorter than five hours, Figure 7). While the total duration of beam outages varied by a factor of four

![Figure 5: Operating hours per year, availability of PROSCAN (left) and unscheduled downtime by causes.](image1)

![Figure 6: Voltage pulses on the vertical deflector to modulate the beam with microsecond speed.](image2)

![Figure 7: Downtime totals for long and short events.](image3)
over the past few years, the cumulative time of beam trips shorter than five hours always stayed roughly between 60 and 80 hours. This year, short outages caused only a total of 40 hours of downtime. Figure 8 shows the number of beam trips per year split by failure category. The Figure illustrates the reduction of trip numbers in most categories.

The improvement in the number of RF trips is most significant, and this number has been continuously decreasing since 2007. Significant effort from the RF Group was required to identify the reasons for beam trips and to reduce the likelihood of their occurrence. As a side effect, the number of beam outages with unidentified causes is now increasing. In the past, some RF interlocks had been caused by beam loss, either from a sudden change in the beam load or by noise. Those beam losses were then simply accounted for as RF trips, although the real cause was elsewhere. Now, these beam trips have to be examined closely in order to find their true cause. There were just three beam outages longer than five hours in 2011. These power glitches are caused outside PSI and are beyond our control. A continued effort is undertaken to minimize the effect of those glitches. Even if glitches inevitably result in beam dumps, operational efficiency can be gained by reducing the recovery times of affected accelerator systems.

It is planned to replace the RF cavities in the storage ring. The existing cavities develop cooling water leaks that are very difficult to glue and that cannot be repaired in a timely manner. The rate of outages caused by fluctuations of the mains had been increasing during the past few years. These power glitches are caused outside PSI and are beyond our control. A continued effort is undertaken to minimize the effect of those glitches. Even if glitches inevitably result in beam dumps, operational efficiency can be gained by reducing the recovery times of affected accelerator systems.

A beam interruption of seven and a half hours was caused by a trip of the helium compressor of the superconducting third-harmonic cavity. Another trip happened later in the year, during a shutdown, and the reason was difficult to diagnose. An auxiliary power supply in the controller electronics of the compressor created a transient glitch, which tripped the compressor. After the replacement of this auxiliary power supply, no further trip occurred. The longest beam outage during user operation in 2011 was caused by a water leak in a storage ring RF klystron. The replacement of the klystron and re-commissioning of the RF station was finished within less than eleven hours. The operational data is summarized in Table 2. Figure 9 shows the beam outage events in 2011, assigned to the different failure categories.

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Tenth anniversary –
The Swiss Light Source in 2011

In 2011, we celebrated the tenth anniversary of the Swiss Light Source. User operation started in 2001 with just four beamlines. Now the SLS has eighteen beamlines, covering the entire radiation spectrum from the infrared to the hard X-ray range. From day one of its operation, the SLS storage ring featured small-gap in-vacuum undulators in combination with top-up injection. These features, combined with sophisticated beam position monitoring and a feedback system, provided extremely high stability and reliability. The high quality of the instrumentation and excellent support by the SLS staff provide conditions which resulted in more than 2000 publications during the first 10 years of operation. In addition to that, a further increase in the number of new proposals was observed. Public outreach activities included the Joint Users Meeting, international conferences and workshops, as well as the PSI Summer School and the public Visitors Day.

User operation – still going strong after 10 years

Regular user operation at the Swiss Light Source (SLS) started in 2002. In the last decade, the number of submitted proposals has increased steadily and, in 2011, reached, with almost 800 proposals, the highest-ever request for beamtime. The other key figures (Table 1), such as number of user visits, experimental days, and number of experiments are additional proof of the continuing high user demand of the SLS.

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Table 1: SLS key figures for user operation 2009–2011.

Sixty percent of these visits are by users from outside Switzerland staying more than one day at the facility. On average, each individual user visits the facility twice a year. In general, the three protein crystallography beamlines are visited more often than the other beamlines.

The excellence of our user community and in-house staff is also illustrated by a remarkably high number of user publications in 2011. A total of 482 publications were generated, of which 59 were published in the leading journals Science, Nature, Cell and Phys. Rev. Letters.

Committees – advising for the future and evaluating scientific merit

The Photon Science Advisory Committee (Photon-SAC) met in spring 2011. The committee is headed by Prof. Dr. Gerhard Materlik (Diamond Light Source, Harwell, UK) and advises PSI on the strategy to be followed for the SLS, SwissFEL and their collaborations.

The two Proposal Review Committees (PRCs) evaluated a total of 778 proposals. The non-PX PRC has four sub-committees (HardXAS, SoftXAS, Photoemission/Infrared/RIXS and Diffraction/Tomography) and is chaired by Prof. Dr. Ph. Aebi (University of Fribourg, Switzerland). The PX PRC is chaired by Prof. Dr. Nenad Ban (ETH Zurich).

We would like to thank the chairs and members of these committees for their advice and for the thorough evaluations of the proposals.

Figure 1: Number of submitted proposals in the years 2002–2011.
MS beamline upgrade and new beamlines – investments for our users

The Material Science beamline has undergone a comprehensive upgrade [1]. The wiggler was replaced by a short-period (14 mm), in-vacuum, cryogenically-cooled, permanent-magnet undulator (CPMU, U14), and the front end and optics have been completely redesigned to optimally exploit the characteristics of the new, high brightness source. In addition to providing fundamental improvements for both powder- and surface-XRD experiments, the upgrade will allow new experiments previously not possible. The beamline has received first test users and will be in full user operation in 2012.

The new beamlines NanoXAS and X-Treme received their first light in 2010 and started to host pilot users in 2011. The third new beamline, Phoenix, already started to host regular users in the second half of 2011. Phoenix and X-Treme are both beamlines for X-ray absorption spectroscopy, with Phoenix focusing on environmental and materials research and X-Treme on research of magnetic phenomena in high magnetic fields and at low temperature.

PEARL (Photo-Emission and Atomic Resolution Laboratory) is a new soft X-ray beamline dedicated to surface science. The main synchrotron-based technique is photoelectron diffraction, while scanning tunnelling microscopy provides complementary real-space information. This beamline is co-financed by 4 Swiss institutions and received its first light in December 2011. Commissioning of the optics and installation of the end-station are planned for 2012.

Summer School and Joint Users Meeting – training and knowledge exchange

The PSI Summer School in Condensed Matter Research was established to provide education for PhD students and postdoctoral fellows working in condensed matter physics, materials science and related fields. It enables students to work at the frontiers of science and technology by providing expert training in the use of large-scale facilities, which is not available within the traditional system of graduate and postgraduate education. At the 2011 Summer School, more than 20 world experts introduced the different aspects of phase transitions from experimental and theoretical points of view. The School brought together 96 participants with 20 different nationalities and affiliations (Swiss (55), EU (38), others (3)). Following the school, practical training at PSI allowed 23 students to receive hands-on experience of state-of-the-art instrumentation using photons, neutrons, and muons.

The Joint Users Meeting, JUM@P, is organized jointly by the Muon (SμS), Neutron (SINQ) and X-ray (SLS) facilities to generate synergies between scientists driven by common scientific, rather than technical or method-related, interests. JUM@P11 consisted of a plenary session on the first day, and seven parallel topical workshops on the second day. During these sessions, a total of 81 oral presentations were given and, in addition, two poster sessions, with a total of 76 poster contributions, were organized. Two hundred participants actively contributed to the meeting, testifying to the great interest of the community. One highlight was the award of the second PSI Thesis Medal to Elena Mengotti for her PhD thesis on Artificial kagome spin-ice systems.

Tenth anniversary and scientific highlights

The tenth anniversary was celebrated along with the key people involved in the design, building, and operation of the facility as well as the stakeholders with a special relationship to the facility, including financial partners, key users, staff, neighbors, representatives of Federal and local authorities, and many more. The celebration was a great opportunity to give an overview of the very successful period from the start of the first beamlines up to the full extension of the instrumentation to 18 operational beamlines. The ceremony allowed only a few highlights to be mentioned, selected from the more than 2000 publications, which include life science, physics, chemistry, materials and environmental science. The key role played by the in-house staff and the strong involvement in X-ray instrumentation and detectors was apparent.

We thank all of our users for their loyalty, for the excellent science they brought to the SLS during the past ten years and, last but not least, for their friendly cooperation.

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The Swiss Spallation Neutron Source: SINQ 2011

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The year 2011 was again highly successful regarding both target and user operation at PSI’s neutron source SINQ. Thanks also to the excellent performance of the PSI proton accelerator, SINQ received the highest total charge ever. The number of publications produced by SINQ experiments (almost 140) and of new proposals (more than 400) also provided new records in the history of user operation. In the future, users will additionally benefit from the new thermal triple-axis spectrometer EIGER and from the novel setup for differential phase contrast imaging on the ICON beamline.

SINQ target and user operation:
A year of records

The year 2011 was outstanding for SINQ with respect to both target and user operation. After the installation of the 8th SINQ target during the spring shutdown (lead in Zircaloy tubes and lead blanket as in the Generation 7 target), the new target received a total charge of 6370 mAh, which clearly exceeded the previous maximum of 6220 mAh from 2009. This is especially remarkable, since the operation period was shorter than usual (no accelerator operation in December). The gain was due to three reasons: (i) the outstanding performance of the proton accelerator, with an availability of 91%; (ii) a further increase in the proton current, with many highly stable periods of 2.2 mA; and (iii) the again outstanding availability of SINQ itself (97%) with respect to the proton accelerator.

These excellent technical boundary conditions allowed almost 440 experiments to be performed on the 12 SINQ instruments which were open for user operation in 2011. The average duration of a SINQ experiment was 4.4 days.

As in previous years, the scientific use of SINQ was dominated by Swiss groups, which used 55% of the available experimental-days. Apart from users affiliated to PSI, most of the Swiss user groups came from ETH Zurich (17%), EPF Lausanne (9%) and Empa (4%). But SINQ is an open-access infrastructure and is fully integrated into the international neutron scattering community: In total, more than 440 different users from 34 countries came to PSI to perform experiments at SINQ in 2011; 32% of the beam time was used by groups from the European Union and 13% from the United States, Japan, India and other countries.

Most users were at the early stages of their careers: 61% were undergraduate students, PhD students or Postdocs and more than 40% were 30 years of age or younger. This fact clearly emphasizes the important role that national user facilities such as SINQ play in scientific education.

More than 400 new proposals

Obviously, the demand for beam time is one of the key figures for demonstrating the attraction of a user facility for the community.

In 2011, the PSI User Office received 403 new SINQ proposals – a value that exceeded the previous record from 2010 by 14% (see Figure 1). Most of the new proposals asked for beam time on the SINQ diffractometers (130), followed by the request for small-angle scattering instruments and reflectometers (113), the spectrometers (91) and the two imaging instruments NEUTRA and ICON (69).

This is a very clear statement by the user community and should augur a bright future for the PSI spallation neutron source!

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Figure 1: Number of SINQ proposals submitted in the period 2007–2011.
Instrumentation and highlights

The construction of the new thermal triple-axis spectrometer EIGER was completed successfully in November 2011 (Figure 2). In 2012, the instrument will be commissioned with first test experiments and, after further optimization, will then enter the user program. The EIGER spectrometer extends the energy range of spectrometers available at SINQ. It offers incident energies of up to 70 meV, in combination with all sample environment devices available at SINQ, which include high-field magnets up to 15 T, high pressures using a Paris-Edinburgh press operating down to 4 K and up to 150 kbar, and ultra-low temperatures down to 50 mK. Together with the groups of T. Forgan and E. Blackburn from the University of Birmingham, a high-field solenoid magnet (up to 17 T) was tested on the small-angle scattering instruments SANS-I. Studies of flux-line lattices in high-temperature superconductors remain a very strong activity at SINQ. With the new maximum field of 17 T at SINQ, such studies can now be extended to uncharted territory in the phase diagrams of these materials.

The unique possibilities of the SANS-I instrument, allowing high-magnetic fields and ultra-low temperatures, and the use of polarized neutrons as well as of the other instruments at SINQ, led to a continuously high demand for beam time, and consequent overload. Additional days of beam time have been made available in 2011 and 2012 to the user programme, to maximize the number of experiments.

The two facilities for neutron imaging (ICON, NEUTRA) were extremely well used by scientific and industrial users. ICON was upgraded with a permanent setup for differential phase-contrast imaging using the grating interferometry technique and an insert for energy selection (TESI). The highest demand was for high spatial resolution tomography, where we still see a potential for improvement. One of the major successful projects was the non-invasive analysis of diesel particle filters on micro and macro scales.

Materials science remains the main activity of research at SINQ. Materials for energy storage and conversion, for nuclear safety, for future information and other technologies and for health care were intensely studied on all instruments. Examples for the groundbreaking research done at SINQ are presented in this report (e.g. on advanced drug delivery systems [1]). Results were published in almost 140 papers in peer-reviewed journals. Among the highlights are studies of microgels [2], which are model systems of particles with controllable interactions, of self-assembly of members [3], which are investigated by neutron reflectometry, and of novel magnetic materials [4], which reveal their secrets in inelastic neutron scattering experiments using the highest energy resolution available at SINQ on the MARS spectrometer.

Training and education of students remain an important activity at SINQ, with several schools, practical courses and workshops organised every year. Young talent and enthusiasm, together with strong national and international collaborations and new projects on the horizon, such as the European Spallation Neutron Source ESS, make the future appear to be very bright for neutron scattering.

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The new Ultracold Neutron user facility UCN delivers first neutrons to the nEDM experiment

Approval by the Federal authorities in June 2011 marked the official start-up of operation of the second spallation target station at PSI. The new user facility, UCN, is named after the acronym for the “Ultracold Neutrons” produced there. These very slow neutrons can be used for fundamental particle physics experiments. Soon after start-up, fully-automated UCN fills were being reliably delivered to the two experimental areas. The intensity increase, compared with tests in 2010, yielded UCN densities comparable to previous measurements at the ILL at Grenoble. While improvements are under way, the search for an electric dipole moment of the neutron, nEDM, at PSI has already begun. Finding an nEDM different from zero would help explain the excess of matter over antimatter in the universe.

First operation of the UCN source

After approval for operation given by the Swiss Federal authorities at the end of June 2011, the UCN source [1] started beam operation on 3 August and delivered neutrons up to the accelerator shutdown on 2 December. Over this period, all subsystems were safely operated and studied in some detail. From the beginning, enough neutrons were produced to allow commissioning of the nEDM apparatus along with the UCN source optimization studies, such as shutter timing, beam optics tuning or cryogenic operation sequences. Operation with full proton current was soon standard and many measurements were carried out to better understand the source performance. By November, the UCN intensity delivered (Figure 1) was a factor of 67 higher than the best value obtained during commissioning in December 2010. This can be mainly attributed to a high ortho-concentration of the deuterium (~98%), better crystal quality (now frozen from the liquid state), and higher proton beam intensity. The large, 30 litre deuterium crystal could be liquefied and re-frozen several times under different conditions to study the effect of the crystallization procedure on the UCN yield (Figure 2). It was found that the process needs to be improved, as control-valve restrictions did not allow sufficiently slow crystallization.

![Figure 1: UCN counts observed in a detector on beamline West after a proton beam pulse. To reliably compare different conditions, pulses of 2 s length (so-called normpulses) with all shutters open are used (black and blue curves). The short, 7 ms pilot pulse (PP) is used for proton beam positioning before the long beam kick. The red curve shows the counts for the case when, after a 6 s beam pulse, the shutter on the storage vessel bottom is closed and UCN are then guided to the detector.](image1)

![Figure 2: Liquefaction of a 30 litre solid deuterium crystal monitored with UCN counts. The high initial UCN production in the solid deuterium crystal (red dots show the integrated counts for normpulses) decreases during warm-up, because of increasing crystal temperature. While warming up, the deuterium (D₂) pressure (blue curve) shows an increase up to the triple-point pressure (171 mbar), followed by a constant regime, where the solid-to-liquid phase transition takes place. Further warming vaporizes the liquid and the pressure increases again.](image2)
With fully-automated operation of the proton beam and the UCN source, 15 to 20 million UCN every 480 s could be delivered to the experiments by November.

The search for a permanent electric dipole moment of the neutron (nEDM)

Cosmology and the Standard Model of particle physics (SM) explain an impressive amount of the visible universe with a hitherto unachieved consistency. At the same time, cosmological observations indicate that the Standard Model is not yet complete. One clear hint is the 9 orders of magnitude discrepancy between the observed matter-to-antimatter ratio in the universe and the predictions of SM calculations. In both approaches, mathematical symmetries play an important, unchallenged role in explaining the origin of both matter and the fundamental forces which govern the interaction of matter particles. Fundamental symmetries, such as time reversal symmetry, must be broken [2] to explain the observed predominance of matter in the universe.

The search for an nEDM is a direct search for a violation of time-reversal symmetry indicated by correlation between electric field reversal and change in the measured precession frequency of neutrons in magnetic and electric fields (Figure 3). The discovery, or the exclusion, of an nEDM with increased sensitivity would immediately have a paramount impact on proposed theoretical solutions to the shortcomings of the SM (see also [3] in this report).

During 2011, the international nEDM collaboration [4] made major progress in establishing the required sensitivity of the improved apparatus originally used to give the present nEDM limit [5]. With the new UCN source, we are anticipating an increase by a factor of 25 in neutron density within our measurement chamber. This increase in statistical sensitivity has to be matched by better understanding and control of systematic effects. Major sources of systematic effects are magnetic field inhomogeneities and instabilities which could mimic an nEDM signal. As shown in Figure 3, we have now installed a dedicated array of optically-pumped caesium magnetometers [6] for better control of the vertical magnetic field gradients in our apparatus. This allowed, without further fine tuning of magnetic field parameters, neutron properties correlated with magnetic field to be measured very well (Figure 4). Dedicated measurements with our mercury co-magnetometer reduced systematic effects correlated with the reversal of the electric field to a tolerable level. With increased ultracold neutron intensity at PSI, the Collaboration plans to take data for approximately 400 nights over the next few years, to reach a statistical sensitivity of $\sigma(n_{\text{EDM}}) \approx 1.5 \times 10^{-27} \text{e}\cdot\text{cm}$, in order to find an nEDM. Together with uncertainties from systematic effects at the same level, this would lead to an upper limit of $|n_{\text{EDM}}| < 5 \times 10^{-27} \text{e}\cdot\text{cm}$ (95% C.L.) in the case of a null result – compared with $2.9 \times 10^{-26} \text{e}\cdot\text{cm}$, which is the best current result (RAL/Sussex Collaboration).

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The Swiss Muon Source SµS in 2011

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The Swiss Muon Source continues to be an intensively requested facility, delivering topical results in magnetism, superconductivity and other topics of materials science. Besides its research activities, a vigorous development programme has allowed substantial progress to be made towards a new high-field, low-temperature instrument and new capabilities for the low-energy muon beamline.

User Laboratory SµS

The Swiss Muon Source, SµS, is one of PSI’s highly successful user facilities. In 2011, the facility again welcomed users from all over the world; in total, about 160 different scientists came to perform their muon spin resonance experiments at one of the six available SµS instruments. Almost 700 days were offered on the instruments and more than 220 experiments could be performed.

In 2011, a large share of beam-time was used by Swiss groups, 35% of beam-time was given to users from EU member countries, and another 15% to user groups from other countries, including Japan, Russia, Canada and the US. It is remarkable that the second-largest foreign user group (behind the UK (11%)) came from Japan (8%), followed by Germany and Italy (both 7%). In total, in 2011 users from 19 different countries performed their experiments at SµS, a number that demonstrates the significant role played by the PSI muon facility for the international user community.

Research

The papers which appeared in 2011 reflect the scientific relevance of the use of muons in condensed matter research. These include publications in journals with high impact factor, such as Science (1), Nature Journals (3), Journal of the American Chemical Society (1), Physical Review Letters (5) and the 28 papers in Physical Review B. SµS continued to be the leading µSR centre in the world for the investigation of iron-based superconductors. This research has been further stimulated by the synthesis of new superconductors in the crystal growth group of the Department of Research with Neutrons and Muons (NUM). A summary of this research is reported in a separate contribution to this report [1]. The unique depth-dependent magnetic information obtained by low-energy muons has also resulted in several scientific highlights, including the demonstration of dimensional control of electronic properties in oxide superlattices.

Developments

Besides the continuous development of all instruments, a dedicated spin rotator for the low-energy muon facility has been developed and built. This crucial upgrade, which will allow so-called longitudinal field measurements to be performed, is now ready to be installed and put into operation. Essential progress has been obtained towards the realization...

Figure 1: During the autumn of 2011, the PiE3 beam area was extended to deliver a fully polarized muon beam to the High-Field µSR facility. The picture shows the two spin rotators, with a refocusing element in between.
of the new high-field μSR instrument, currently the major project of the Laboratory for Muon Spin Spectroscopy (LMU). The main components of the new facility were installed towards the end of 2011. The high-field μSR instrument, which is the only one of its type in the world, will allow a previously inaccessible range in the B-T phase diagram of condensed matter to be studied, ranging up to 9.5 T and down to ~20 mK. The facility will make use of a ~28 MeV/c muon beam. For most experiments, the spin of the originally fully longitudinally polarized muon beam must be rotated by 90°. This rotation is achieved by a device called a ‘spin-rotator’, which provides crossed electric and magnetic fields, both applied perpendicular to each other and to the muon’s momentum. In addition to rotating the spin, it also acts as a velocity filter (Wien filter) and separates the muons from other particles contaminating the muon beam (mainly positrons).

The design parameters for the spin-rotator device originate from the preferred properties of the muon beam used to study the properties of the target in the spectrometer. Based on experience with other high-voltage devices at PSI (e.g. for the design of oil-insulated vacuum feedthroughs) and technological standards, the maximum supply voltage for the device was chosen to be ±200 kV, with an operating voltage of ±175 kV. The gap between the two electrodes has to be as large as possible for maximum transmission, and the length of the electrodes short. A good compromise was found by choosing distances of 120 mm for the electrode gap and 1800 mm for the effective length. The matching magnetic field for the operating voltage is then ~38 mT. A single device with these parameters leads to a spin rotation of 45°; therefore, two identical devices have been built, and installed in series, with a refocusing quadrupole triplet in between.

Because of the complexity of the system (high-voltage technology, electric and magnetic field matching, vacuum, control system), and in order to ensure compatibility with PSI standards, the decision was made to use in-house expertise and design the whole device at the Institute. Commercially available components were used whenever possible. However, critical parts were manufactured at PSI or specially supplied by Swiss companies. The design of the electrostatic components was checked by means of mathematical simulations using the ANSYS electrostatic module, with an envisaged upper limit of 80 keV/cm for the electric field. The design of the beamline, including the spin rotators and the magnets, was based on simulation of particle transport with the programs Transport and Turtle. Finally spin rotation and transmission efficiencies were optimized by using TRACK and Geant4 Monte Carlo simulations. First measurements demonstrated a beamline performance as expected, with a rate of ca. 5000 μ+/(mA·s·mm²).

The spectrometer magnet is a custom high-homogeneity split-pair recondensing system from Oxford Instruments. Its maximum field is 9.5 T, with a homogeneity of better than 0.1 mT over a centre volume of 10 mm diameter and 4 mm length. The detector system is based on direct readout of fast plastic scintillators (Eljen EJ 232) by Hamamatsu, Multipixel Photon Counters (MPPCs) and front-end electronics developed in-house. The overall time resolution is better than 80 ps (including full DAQ electronics).

To conclude, 2011 was another very successful year for applied muon physics at PSI. This has also been confirmed by an independent panel called in to evaluate the past 5 years of research activity at the Laboratory for Muon Spin Spectroscopy. We are also confident that the important developments which took place during the past year will soon bear scientific fruit and will contribute to maintaining the leading role of the Paul Scherrer Institute in the use of muons for condensed matter research.

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The design and construction of the large research facilities at the Paul Scherrer Institute constantly require new and innovative solutions at the cutting-edge of current technologies. Both scientists and engineers at the Institute are successfully pushing the limits in various technological fields, from power electronics to precision machining to nanotechnology. Alongside achievements in the various research fields being investigated at PSI, these accomplishments offer outstanding opportunities for commercialization by industrial partners.

The Technology Transfer office at PSI is ready to assist representatives from industry in their search for opportunities and sources of innovation at PSI, or to prepare the way for solutions to their own technological challenges.

The following pages present some promising technologies still to be discovered by our industrial partners.
Technology Transfer: At the gateway between research and industry

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The mission of the Technology Transfer office is to facilitate the transfer from the laboratories to industrial applications of inventions and technologies generated by PSI’s broad research activities. Such transfer activity aims to increase the competitiveness of PSI’s industrial partners in their markets by offering innovations for new products and processes, or opportunities for further developments and improvements. If this economic impact consequently creates new employment and new products that improve everyday lives, the society supporting our Institute benefits from the exploitation of our scientific work.

Technology-transfer projects rely on the quality of the relationships between the persons involved in different aspects with both partners. A major factor shaping these relationships is the layout of the contractual framework and collaboration concept adopted for each transfer project. The greatest task within these boundary conditions is the alignment of the needs and expectations of the industrial and scientific partners.

The most effective way of transferring competencies in technologies and know-how is to “transfer” people, who not only take along additional intangible knowledge to the company but also the enthusiasm to transform their research into industry-standard applications. PSI has experienced the successful “person transfer” of both PhD graduates and senior scientists.

A very useful way of supporting industrial research and development is to make available the instruments and methods used at our large research facilities. As a user lab, PSI develops and operates instruments and equipment for a wide range of applications, from material and structure analysis to imaging. The services offered by PSI include the evaluation of the appropriate measurement configuration, support with data acquisition and expertise in data analysis. The following section showcases the work performed at the Swiss Light Source (SLS) in the context of an industry-sponsored research project on the subject of the molecular orientation of polymer surfaces.

From the economic point of view, the most significant model of technology transfer is to have projects involving intellectual property rights (IPR) generated at PSI. If it is the granting of rights to use PSI-owned IPR, or the transfer of patents, the industrial partner expects a direct economic advantage from applying such protected IPR in their products and is ready to compensate PSI for this advantage. A successful licensing case concerning an invention to retain iodine in aqueous solutions is presented as the second example below.

Research collaborations offer companies the opportunity to tap PSI’s know-how and technologies early in the innovation process. Depending on the technological situation and requirements, a collaboration framework will be set up that equally matches the interests of the industrial partner and PSI. An agreement which includes the project plan, provisions on intellectual property and confidentiality is the basis for such collaboration. The Laboratory of Combustion Research at PSI is a leading lab in the research of combustion, in particular for gas turbines. A better understanding of the parameters involved in gas combustion leads to increased fuel efficiency and reduced emissions. The lab has established state-of-the-art infrastructure that can be used in collaboration projects with industry, as presented in the final example given here.

If you are interested in one of the technology transfer models described above, or if you are looking for advice or consultation on a specific topic, the Technology Transfer Office is ready to connect you with the matching competencies at PSI.

Molecular order in polymer films

The PolLux beamline enables a powerful combination of high-resolution microscopy and soft X-ray spectroscopy, applicable to a wide variety of scientific studies. One project currently
being undertaken in collaboration with Rolic Technologies Ltd
and Empa (and with additional funding from the Competence
Centre for Materials Science and Technology of the ETH Board
(CCMX)) involves measuring the molecular orientation of
polymer surfaces. This is being performed in order to further
understand Rolic’s Light Controlled Molecular Orientation
(LCMO) technology, which is widely implemented in LCD
manufacture to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of
LCD devices. The LCMO technology induces specific orienta-
tions in adjacent liquid crystal layers through the ordering
and alignment of surface moieties of the polymer that are
formed under illumination with polarized UV light.

Near-edge X-ray absorption fine-structure (NEXAFS) spectro-
copy experiments have been performed at the PolLux beamline
of the SLS to examine the abundance and orientation of various
chemical species on the polymer surfaces. NEXAFS
spectra are composed of “near-edge” resonances, in which
X-ray absorption is enhanced at specific X-ray energies that
correspond to electronic transitions from the inner K-shell to
unoccupied molecular anti-bonding orbitals. Furthermore,
the intensity of these resonances depends on their orientation
with respect to the electric field of the linearly polarized X-ray
beam probe. Since the energy and orientation of the probed
anti-bonding orbitals are closely related to the types of bonds
and molecular structures of the sample molecules, NEXAFS
spectroscopy can provide information about the orientation
of specific parts of the larger polymer molecules and determine
the chemical and structural changes that occur via the reac-
tions under UV light in the LCMO technology.

Theoretical calculations of molecular dynamics, as well as IR
and NEXAFS spectra, performed at Empa provide comparison
to the experiments and insight into the physical and chemical
processes occurring on the polymer surface. NEXAFS spectra
contain a wealth of information in their closely spaced reso-
nance peaks, and so are difficult to analyze directly. Theo-
retical calculations, on the other hand, provide details on
which molecular shapes, orientations and interactions are
possible and what the resulting spectra would look like. Com-
parison with the experimental spectra then shows which of
these possibilities are chosen by nature.

A greater understanding of the LCMO technology will acceler-
ate the development of LCD devices that provide improved
brightness and contrast, while at the same time requiring less
power for operation and incurring lower manufacturing costs.
The project will also benefit other applications of the LCMO
technology, such as the optical security elements for bank
notes, identity cards and other items requiring high-resolution
recognition and authentication, brought to market by Rolic
Technologies.

Innovative research to improve nuclear plant
safety during a severe accident

Iodine is a fission product which could possibly be released
in quantity during a severe accident involving core damage.
Due to its readiness to react with other fission products and
containment surfaces, and its rather complex chemistry in
water, volatile iodine forms can be generated in the contain-
ment at high concentrations. Its release into the environment
above a certain amount might cause health problems due to
inhalation. Although huge efforts have been made in the last
three decades, the chemistry leading to the formation of
gaseous species of iodine is still not well understood. In ad-
dition, filtration technologies already developed are not
sufficiently effective at filtering gaseous iodine species and
retaining them in the filter system to be able to prevent their
release into the environment.

Since the early 1990s, many nuclear power plants in the world
have been backfitted with containment venting filter systems,
to eliminate containment failure at high pressure by venting
as well as to limit activity release during venting by filtering.
However, none of the systems available on the market have
demonstrated the ability to effectively filter highly volatile
iodine gaseous species, such as organic iodides, and to
prevent the further release of captured iodine.

Figure 1: Schematic of Rolic Technologies Ltd LCMO technology in
liquid crystal display.

Figure 2: In-situ irradiation test facility.
PSI has developed a unique chemical process to efficiently and effectively scrub volatile iodine species from gas flow in a water pool, and also retain all iodine species, by eliminating thermal and radiolytic oxidation by binding iodine with the simultaneous use of a reducing agent and a co-additive. The co-additive catalyses the reaction of the reducing agent with gaseous iodine species, elemental iodine and methyl iodide, and at the same time binds the iodine into a stable form in the presence of thermal and radiation fields. Over one thousand experiments in specially developed facilities (Figure 2) have proved the effectiveness of the process and provided a sound data base for the implementation of the process in a containment venting filter system.

PSI provided support to the company IMI/CCI AG in the development of a containment venting filter in the late 1980s, and later conducted a qualification programme for aerosol retention in the early 1990s, and for iodine in the early 2000s. The resulting CCI-Filters have already been installed in three Swiss nuclear power plants. CCI AG has shown interest in improving the filtration efficiency of its first-generation containment venting filter system by incorporating PSI’s iodine management process, which will lead to a second-generation containment venting filter system. Through a licensing contract, the technology developed at PSI is currently being transferred to CCI, which is working hard to broaden the marketing possibilities for this second-generation version of its filter system.

Turbulent premixed combustion at high pressure

Lean premixed combustion is considered to be the state of the art technology for high efficiency and low-emission power generation in stationary gas turbines. One of the most important parameters for stable and safe combustion is the turbulent burning speed, \( S_t \). This describes the specific fuel consumption rate and is an indispensable design parameter for all combustion devices. Despite intensive research in premixed combustion, there are still many open questions that call for pressing answers (e.g. how to achieve ultra-low \( NO_x \) emission). To address these issues, PSI can offer the proper experimental infrastructure and measurement techniques.

Experimental Capabilities

Combustion experiments can be carried out in the facility depicted in Figure 3. This test rig delivers a maximum thermal power of 1 MW, reaching pressures and preheating temperatures up to 30 bar and 750°C, respectively. The combustor can be operated with a variety of fuels, ranging from methane (\( CH_4 \)) to higher hydrocarbons (e.g. propane \( C_3H_8 \)), and from syngas (\( H_2-CO \) mixtures) to pure \( H_2 \). The fuel and oxidizer can contain various amounts of diluent species (\( H_2O, CO \) and \( N_2 \)).

Turbulent flame speed

Turbulent flame speed can be investigated with two laser diagnostic techniques: Laser-Induced Fluorescence (LIF, see setup in Figure 3) and Particle Image Velocimetry (PIV). These techniques provide raw data which lead to \( S_t \) values of global and local fuel consumption by applying the mass continuity equation, fractal analysis and local velocity balances. The shape of the flame front is resolved by LIF imaging, as shown in Figure 4. More details on the evaluation of turbulent flame speed can be found in [1, 2].
**NOx Emission**

The concentration of the main species (CO, CO2, O2, NOx, UHC) in the flue gas can be measured with the aid of a specifically-designed water-cooled gas probe located at the exit of the combustor and conventional exhaust gas analyzer. Among these species, the NOx emission is of particular interest, since the lean premixed combustion of gaseous fuels is currently one of the most important low-NOx technologies in the power generation sector using fossil fuels. Emission characteristics of different fuels and operating conditions can be derived from these experiments. It has been observed that syngas mixtures (CO-H2 mixtures, e.g. derived from the gasification of solid feedstock such as coal and biomass) produce higher NOx emissions than natural gas under the same combustion conditions [3].

The underlying reason can be elucidated via a reaction-path analysis based on detailed chemical-kinetic calculations, as detailed in [3].

**References:**


The research and development described in this annual review, as well as the many other projects and activities which have been performed but are not mentioned, requires the engagement of scientists, technologists, computing specialists and administrators in many different areas. All of these are essential for the running of a large and complex institute such as PSI, with its varied research interests, its design, construction and operation of large-scale, high-performance facilities, its commitment to education and its maintenance of a User Service for the benefit of scientists from across the world who come to perform experiments here.

The following breakdown of finances, staffing distribution, education and User Service activities, and composition of advisory bodies guiding the research shows the balance which existed in 2011 across the diverse fields of activities pursued by PSI. More than two-thirds of all financing was provided by the Swiss government and the remainder from a variety of third-party sources. The staffing figures reflect the importance of technical staff for operating the large-scale facilities.

The educational activities of PSI are expanding, at secondary-school, graduate and post-graduate levels, and the User Service again received more proposals for experiments than it could accommodate. Finally, to maintain its position as one of the leading research centres in the world in the fields in which it specialises, PSI continued to be guided by a number of advisory boards, consisting of scientists of high standing invited from around the world, many of who have close connection with the Institute through their own research.
PSI in 2011 – an overview

Finances

PSI expenditure in 2011 totalled CHF 364.8 million, of which the Swiss government provided 75.6%, i.e. CHF 275.8 million, with 68.2% (CHF 248.8 million) allocated to basic financing and 7.4% (CHF 27.0 million) specifically provided for the SwissFEL project. External second- and third-party funding added up to CHF 89.0 million (24.4% of total expenditure). Third-party revenue totalled CHF 94.8 million, with 41.2% coming from private industry, 27.6% from Swiss federal research programmes, 7.4% from EU programmes and 23.8% from other sources. This breakdown is listed in Table 1 and the budget distribution across the Research Departments is given in Figure 1.

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* Including personnel costs of CHF 215.6 million (corresponding to 59.1% of total expenditure); not including internally produced and capitalized assets.

Table 1: PSI finances in 2011.

Staffing

At the end of 2011, slightly more than 1500 full-time equivalent staff positions were occupied at PSI. The distribution of staffing according to fields of activity can be seen in Figure 2. Of the total PSI staff, 24% were women and 44% were non-Swiss citizens.

![Figure 1: Total budget distribution for 2011 across PSI Research Fields. Research facilities are allocated to the appropriate fields](image)

![Figure 2: The staffing structure of the Paul Scherrer Institute reflects the importance of technical staff for running the institute's complex experimental facilities.](image)
Education

Besides research, education at various levels is also a central priority for the Institute. Research opportunities are provided for students preparing their Masters or PhD theses, with more than 300 PhD students currently at PSI, including about 200 actually employed by the Institute. The remainder are financed by other institutions or universities, but perform a substantial part of their experimental work at PSI’s laboratories or large-scale facilities. The opportunity to work at PSI as trainees for a shorter period of time, to gather work experience in scientific research as well as in administrative or organizational tasks, was taken by more than 100 other young people – secondary-school graduates and university students. Almost 90 young people were actively engaged in vocational training, in 13 different professions. In addition, PSI offered courses in radiation protection and reactor technology, for internal staff as well as for external groups.

The school lab (iLAB) provided pupils undergoing secondary education with the opportunity to perform various physics experiments and thus obtain a first-hand impression of scientific research. The iLAB was visited during 2011 by 192 classes, from different schools – a further increase compared with the 180 classes which came in 2010 and the 105 classes in 2009. PSI scientists were also active as educators outside the Institute, with about 100 staff giving lecture courses at universities and universities of applied sciences.

User Service

In 2011, PSI maintained its position as an attractive User Lab for scientists from all over the world (see Table 2). More than 2300 users visited the Institute and performed over 1700 experiments at the 38 beamlines available at the large-scale facilities. The continually increasing interest in performing experiments at PSI is reflected in the growing number of proposals submitted to the user service, which reached an all-time high of 1378 in 2011 (see Figure 3). The total number of users who come to participate in experiments also reached its highest value ever – 2336 – and the overall number of peer-reviewed publications based on research performed at the SLS, SINQ and SµS large-scale facilities exceeded 650.

The User Service at PSI’s large-scale facilities also makes an important contribution to the education of future generations of scientists, which can be seen from the large number of young scientists among the users.

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Table 2: PSI user service in numbers.

Figure 3: Numbers of proposals submitted to SLS, SINQ (only one proposal deadline in 2007) and SµS. The total number of new proposals reached an all-time high in 2011, reflecting the increasing interest amongst scientists in performing experiments at PSI.

Advisory Board and Research Committees

The Advisory Board’s main task is to advise the Directorate on the development of long-term research programmes and to evaluate the quality of past and planned research activities. The Board meets once or twice a year and consists of 11 scientists of high scientific standing, from Switzerland and abroad. The Research Committee of the Paul Scherrer Institute consists of 13 members selected from the various PSI Departments and advises the Directorate on decisions related to the scientific research carried out at the Institute. It evaluates proposed new projects and applications for financial support from external agencies, assesses ongoing projects and helps define appropriate new research topics for the Institute. An additional 8 Committees, with members from Switzerland and abroad, assess and advise the various large-scale facilities and the Research Departments on their past, present and future research activities and programmes.
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- Introductory talk and overview on Nanotechnology and SLS related research at PSI for PSI summer students, 24.08.2011
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C. David
- Member of the International Program Committee of the MNE: Micro- and Nano-Engineering Conference Series
- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Courant Research Centre "Nano-Spectroscopy and X-ray Imaging", University of Göttingen, Germany
- Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of X-ray Optics and Instrumentation
- Member of the Program Committee of the ICXOM: International Conference on X-ray Optics and Microanalysis Conference Series
- Member of the Program Committee of the SPIE Conference on Optics + Optoelectronics: "Advances in X-ray Free-Electron Lasers: Radiation Schemes, X-ray Optics and Instrumentation"
- Member of the Program Committee of the SPIE Conference on Optics + Optoelectronics: "Advances in X-Ray/EUV Optics and Components VII"

U. Flechsig
- Design Review Committee for the DREAMLINE Beamline at SSRF - Shanghai Synchrotron Radiation Facility, Shanghai, 2011

J. Gobrecht
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P. Derlet
Langevin Dynamics and probing the atomic scale
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P. Derlet
Understanding disorder and how metallic glasses yield
Department of Physics, NTNU, Trondheim, Norway, April 11th 2011

P. Derlet
Semi-empirical atomistic modelling of itinerant magnetic systems
Spring Meeting, Swiss Association of Computational Chemistry, Bern, Switzerland, February 18th 2011

X. Deupi
Integration of GPCR Structure, Dynamics and Function

Chr. Mudry
Fractional topological insulators
Workshop on Novel Quantum States in Condensed Matter: Correlation, Frustration and Topology, Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics (YITP), Kyoto University, Japan November 7 - December 9, 2011

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Fractional topological insulators
Workshop on Topological Insulators and Superconductors, KITP, September 19 - December 16, 2011

Chr. Mudry
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Chr. Mudry
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Dahlem Center Colloquium, Freie Universität Berlin June 2011.

Chr. Mudry
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*Fractional quantum Hall states at zero magnetic field*
RIKEN, April 2011

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*Topological aspects in superconducting materials*
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**LECTURES AND COURSES**

K. Clausen

*Introduction I: Materials and Life Science: potential for use of and demands to the performance of high power hadron machines*
CERN School, High Power Hadron Machines, Bilbao, Spain, May 24 – June 2, 2011

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*Introduction II: Particle Physics and Energy research: potential for use of and demands to the performance of high power hadron machines*
CERN School, High Power Hadron Machines, Bilbao, Spain, May 24 – June 2, 2011

Chr. Mudry

*Field theory in condensed matter physics*
ETHZ

**DISSERTATIONS**

M. Storni

*Non-Abelian braiding statistics in the fractional quantum Hall state at filling factor \( \nu = 5/2 \)?
Exact diagonalization investigations
ETH Zürich (September 2011)

**EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

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*The high voltage system of the neutron electric dipole moment experiment (Poster)*  
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*A neutron Electric Dipole Moment experiment (nEDM) - exploring the low-energy precision frontier (talk)*  

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Actis S.  
*Measuring the luminosity at colliders with Bhabha scattering*  
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Baracchini E., MEG Collaboration  
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International Workshop on e+e- collisions from Phi to Psi (PHIPS11)  
Budker Institute of Nuclear Physics, Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Science, Novosibirsk, Russia, September 19 - 22, 2011
Brucherseifer M.
*Higgs boson self couplings in the MSSM*
DPG Fruehjahrstagung, Karlsruhe, Germany, March 30, 2011

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*MSSM Higgs Selbstkopplungen*
Zurich PhD seminar 2011*, ETH Zürich Hoenggerberg, Switzerland, August 29, 2011

Chachamis G.
*Mellin-Barnes techniques and gauge boson pair production to NNLO*
Kick-off meeting of the LHCPhenoNet Initial Training Network, Valencia, Spain, February 2011

Chachamis G.
*Mellin- Barnes techniques and 2-loop QCD corrections to W pair production*
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Chachamis G.
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Kirch K.
*Low energy precision experiments at PSI*
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Kirch K.
*Search for the electric dipole moment of the neutron*
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Kirch K.
*Low energy precision experiments at PSI*
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Kirch K.
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Kirch K.
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Kirch K.
*The search for the neutron electric dipole moment*
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Kirch K.
*Other Nucleon EDM efforts*
Fundamental Physics at the Intensity Frontier, Rockville, USA, November 30 – December 2, 2011

Kotlinski B.
*Pixel Detectors at LHC*
International Workshop on Radiation Imaging Detectors (iWoRID 2011), ETH Zürich, Switzerland, July 3 – 7, 2011

Lauss B.
*Startup of the ultracold neutron source at the Paul Scherrer Institute*
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Papa A., MEG Collaboration

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Spira M.

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Official reviewer for the session Dosimetry

Rohe T.
MC-PAD training event on CV writing and interview skills; PSI, Switzerland, November 8 – 10, 2011

MEMBERSHIPS IN COMMITTEES

Daum M.
- PAC, Programme Advisory Committee ISINN20 (International Symposium on the Interactions of Neutrons with Nuclei)

Horisberger R.
- President of the PSI Internal FOKO

Kirch K.
- SPS Board (2005-2011)
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- CHIPP Executive Board (since 2010, designated Chair 2012/13)
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Langenegger U.
- Member of International Advisory Committee for the conference "Flavor Physics and CP Violation"
- Member of thesis committee of Bora Akgun (Carnegie Mellon University)
Upsilon(nS) Cross Section Measurement in pp collisions at sqrt(s) = 7TeV with the CMS Detector "
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Petitjean C.
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Université de Montréal
Montréal, Canada, September 15, 2011

T. Fennell
Magnetic monopoles in spin ice
DYPROSO
Aussois, France, September 18-22, 2011

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Coulomb phase in spin ice
ASRC Meeting
Tokai, Japan, March 14-17, 2011 (cancelled due to earthquake)

A. Furrer
Pressure effects of crystal-field interactions applied to barocaloric cooling
Workshop McPhase 2011: A software suite for complex magnetism
Gijon, Spain, May 10-13, 2011

Structural properties and phase behavior of densely packed microgel particles
8th Liquid Matter Conference
Vienna, Austria, September 6-10, 2011

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JUM@P’11: Joint Users’ Meeting at PSI
Villigen PSI, Switzerland, September 15-16, 2011
F. Juranyi
*Linking the diffusion of water in compacted clays at two different time scales: tracer through-diffusion and QENS*
NEA Clay Club Workshop
Karlsruhe, Germany, September 6-8, 2011

J. Kohlbrecher
*Interpretation of small-angle scattering curves using SASfit*
BAM (Bundesamt für Materialforschung)
Berlin, Germany, March 28, 2011

J. Kohlbrecher
*Magnetisation reversal processes in composite perpendicular magnetic recording media*
University of Luxemburg
Luxemburg, Luxemburg, March 21-23, 2011

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*Magnetic response of functionalised lipid bilayers*
University of Lund
Lund, Sweden, September 12-14, 2011

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Physics Department, University of Goa
Goa, India, December 15, 2011

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55th DAE Solid State Physics Symposium
Tamilnadu, India, December 19-23, 2011

M. Laver
*Neutron scattering explorations of iron-gallium*
PSI Seminar
Villigen PSI, Switzerland, May 5, 2011

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*Magnetic flux lines in type-II superconductors and the “hairy ball” theorem*
PSI Theory Seminar
Villigen PSI, Switzerland, May 12, 2011

M. Laver
*Small angle neutron scattering: a probe for nanomagnetism and vortices in superconductors*
International Workshop on Complex Phenomena in Superconductors & Magnetic Systems
Øystese, Norway, September 1, 2011

M. Laver
*La diffusion de neutrons, une sonde pour les systèmes magnétiques et la supraconductivité*
INSA Seminar
Toulouse, France, September 13, 2011

M. Laver
*Topological aspects of flux lines in type-II superconductors and the “hairy ball” theorem*
Topological Materials 2011
Grenoble, France, October 26-28, 2011
Structural modulation and phase transitions in La$_2$CoO$_{4+d}$  
5$^{th}$ European Conference on Neutron Scattering (ECNS)  
Prague, Czech Republic, July 17-22, 2011

C. Niedermayer  
Muons in condensed matter research  
Symposium on Size Selected Clusters  
Davos, Switzerland, March 20-25, 2011

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Magnetic properties of orthorhombic LuMnO$_3$ thin films  
IOP-PSI Workshop  
Beijing, China, October 20-21, 2011

A. Poole, B. Roessli, P. Babkevich, A. Boothroyd, D. Prabakaran  
Polarimetry studies of CuO  
JUM@P’11: Joint Users’ Meeting at PSI  
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Americal Physical Society (APS) March Meeting  
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Novel phases in quantum magnets at high magnetic fields  
High-field Workshop, Helmholtz Zentrum Berlin  
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Non-equilibrium effects in quantum spin ladders?  
Workshop “Integrability and its breaking in strongly correlated and disordered systems”, ICTP  
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Prague, Czech Republic, July, 22-23, 2011
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Excitations in spin ladders – from low energies to the complete spectrum
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Exploring and controlling spins in model quantum magnets
Swiss-Swedish Meeting on Quantum Materials and Devices
Ch. Rüegg
Neutron scattering studies of model quantum magnets
Renmin University
Beijing, China, October 19, 2011

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International Workshop on Recent Progress in Many-Body Theories
Bariloche, Argentina, November 28 - December 2, 2011

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Materials science and model quantum magnets – neutron scattering experiments at the Swiss spallation neutron source SINQ
Group Seminar Züttel, EMPA
Dübendorf, Switzerland, December 15, 2011

D. Schaniel, Th. Woike, A. Cervellino, L. Keller, J. Schefer
Identification of single photoswitchable molecules in nanopores of silica xerogels using neutron powder diffraction
5th European Conference on Neutron Scattering (ECNS)
Prague, Czech Republic, July 17-22, 2011

J. Stahn
Polarised neutron reflectometry - a complementary method to RIXS and ARPES
Spectroscopy workshop on novel materials, PSI
Beatenberg, Switzerland, May 3-7, 2011

J. Stahn, U. Filges, T. Panzner, M. Cardenas, B. Klösgen
Concept, design and first results: convergent-beam reflectometry using a focusing elliptic guide
First In-Kind Contributions Meeting for Neutron Science for the ESS (IKON-1)
Lund, Sweden, September 8, 2011

J. Stahn
Concept for a reflectometer for the ESS with focusing in the sample plane, and a convergent beam in the scattering plane
Meeting of the ESS reflectometry TAP
Lund, Sweden, September 15, 2011
R. Sura, M. Ceretti, C. Prestipino, W. Paulus, J. Schefer, L. Keller, K. Conder, E. Pomjakushina

Effect of strontium doping on the oxygen diffusion in $\text{La}_{2-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{CuO}_{4+d}$ samples investigated by single crystal neutron diffraction and oxygen isotope back exchange
Annual Meeting of Swiss Society for Crystallography
Bern, Switzerland, September 16, 2011

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J. White, T. Honda, K. Kimura, T. Kimura, Ch. Niedermayer, O. Zaharko, A. Poole, B. Roessli, V.Yu. Pomjakushin, M. Kenzelmann

Coupling of magnetic and ferroelectric hysteresis by a multi-component magnetic structure in $\text{Mn}_2\text{GeO}_4$
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N. Aliouane
TriCS: Neutron single crystal diffractometer development project at the SINQ facility
5th European Conference on Neutron Scattering (ECNS)
Prague, Czech Republic, July 17-22, 2011, poster

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Development concepts of TriCS: The neutron single crystal diffractometer at the SINQ
JCNS Workshop “Trends and perspectives in neutron instrumentation: From continuous to spallation sources”
Tutzing, Germany, October 4-7, 2011, talk

M. Bestel, F. Jurányi, C. Marcelot-Garcia, G.J. Schneider, L.R. Van Loon, Th. Gimmi, L.W. Diamond
Water-distribution in na-montmorillonite as a function of bulk dry density
HERCULES school
Grenoble, France, February 27 - March 3, 2011, poster

M. Bestel, F. Jurányi, C. Marcelot-Garcia, G.J. Schneider, L.R. Van Loon, Th. Gimmi, L.W. Diamond
Discriminating between interlayer pores and macropores in na-montmorillonite
Euroclay Conference
Antalya, Turkey, June 26 - July 1, 2011, poster

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Three dimensional electronic properties of underdoped Ba(Fe$_{1-x}$Ni$_x$)$_2$As$_2$ probed by ARPES
Les Diablerets, Switzerland, June 28 - July 1, 2011, poster


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S. Ward, H. Ryll, D. Binner, K. Kiefer, K. Kraemer, Ch. Rüegg
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C. Niedermayer
*Honorary Professorship*
University of Connecticut,
Storrs, USA, January 1, 2011

Ch. Rüegg
*Erwin Felix Lewy-Bertaut Prize*
European Neutron Scattering Association and European Crystallography Association
Prague, Czech Republic, July 22, 2011

Ch. Rüegg
*Honorary Professorship*
University College London
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J. White
*Poster Award*
European High Pressure Research Group (EHPRG)
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M. Bestel
Praktikum zu den Grundzügen der Erdwissenschaften I, Prof. T. Naegler
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N. Egetenmeyer
Small Angle Neutron Scattering study of magnetic structures
ETH Zurich/PSI, Villigen PSI, Switzerland, October 17, 2011

J.P. Embs
Quasielastic neutron scattering on water
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U. Gasser, J. Kohlbrecher, R. Vavrin, A. Wilk, M. Ratajczyk, M.P. Lettinga, J. Buitenhuis, G. Meier
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J. Kohlbrecher
Short Introduction to neutron scattering
University of Lund, Lund, Sweden, September 12-14, 2011

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M. Laver
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C. Niedermayer
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Ch. Rüegg
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University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland, June 7-8, 2011

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**MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES**

N. Aliouane
- Scientific advisory committee, NIST Center for Neutron Research, Gaithersburg, USA (since 2010)

T. Fennell
- Workshop advisory committee, Royal Society Theo Murphy Meeting on emergent magnetic monopoles in frustrated magnetic systems, Chicheley Hall, United Kingdom, October 17-18, 2011

A. Furrer
- Scientific advisory committee, 3rd World Academy of Sciences, Trieste, Italy (since 2003, periodically)
- Editorial advisory board, The Open Superconductors Journal, Villigen PSI, Switzerland (2008-2011)

U. Gasser
- Swiss Society for Neutron Scattering, Secretary, Villigen PSI, Switzerland (since 2009)

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- Peruvian Academy of Nuclear Sciences, Lima, Peru (since 2008)

Th. Geue
- International scientific advisory committee, Budapest Neutron Center, BNC, Budapest, Hungary (since 2008)
- User Selection Panel, Budapest Neutron Center BNC, Budapest, Hungary (since 2008)
- User Selection Group, NIST Center for Neutron Research, Gaithersburg, USA (since 2010)
- Committee for equal opportunities, Villigen PSI, Switzerland (since 2011)

J. Kohlbrecher
- Proposal committee College 1, chairman, scientific council, Institut Laue-Langevin, Grenoble, France (2008-2011)

M. Laver
- Science review committee neutron scattering, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, USA (since 2011)

V. Pomjakushin
- Commission on magnetic structures of IUCr, International Union of Crystallography, (since 2011)

B. Roessli
- Tables Rondes, Saclay, Paris, France (since 2010)
- PNCMI Advisory Board (since 2009)
- M. Loire, PhD thesis examination, jury member, University of Grenoble, France
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- Proposal committee College 4, chairman, scientific council, Institut Laue-Langevin, Grenoble, France (since 2011)
- Instrument review panel, Institut Laue-Langevin, Grenoble, France
- Executive program committee, ICNS 2013, Edinburgh, U.K.
- International advisory board, QCNP 2012, Dresden, Germany
- International advisory committee, Topological Materials 2011, Grenoble, France
- Program committee, SWM11, Les Diablerets, Switzerland
- Organizing committee, JUM@P Joint Users’ Meeting 2011, Villigen PSI
- Organizing committee, 10th PSI Summer School 2011, Zugerberg, Switzerland
- Interview panel for recruiting, ESS, Lund, Sweden
- Joint Users’ Association of PSI (JUSAP), member of the board, Villigen PSI, Switzerland, (2008-2011)
- P. Bouillot, PhD thesis examination, jury member, University of Geneva, Switzerland

J. Schefer
- Scientific advisory committee, FRM-II, Munich, Germany (since 2008)
- Newsletter of the Swiss Society for Crystallography, editor, Swiss Society for Crystallography SGK/SSCr (since 2006)
- Organizing committee, 10th PSI Summer School 2011, Zugerberg, Switzerland
- Swiss Society for Crystallography SGK/SSCr, member of the board (since 2006)
- MaMaSELF Erasmus Mundus, evaluation board (since 2009)

J. Stahn
- Scientific advisory committee, FRM-II, Munich, Germany (since 2011)

J. White
- Beamtime review committee for small-angle neutron scattering, NIST Center for Neutron Research, Gaithersburg, USA (since 2010)

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Loïc LeDreau
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Van Swygenhoven
- Keynote lecture at the International Plasticity conference, Mexico, January 2011.
- Invited seminar at Institut für Werkstoffwissenschaften (Prof. M. Goeken), Erlangen, February 1st, 2011.
- Invited seminar at Institut für Komplexe Materialien, IFW Colloquium (Prof. J. Eckert), February 10th, 2011
- Invited seminar at the Technical University of Munich (TUM), in the series of seminar of the FRM II, "neutrons in science and industry" (Prof. W. Petry, Prof. P. Boeni), February 14th, 2011
- Invited seminar at Los Alamos National Laboratory, (LANCE and Materials science and Technology group), February 24th, 2011
- Invited lecture at the TMS annual meeting, San Diego 2011 in the symposium "Computational Plasticity", March 1st 2011
- Keynote lecture at the TMS annual meeting, San Diego 2011 in the symposium Neutron and X-Ray Studies of Advanced Materials: Dislocations, Strains and Stresses II, March 2nd 2011
- Invited lecture on 20th DYMAT Meeting “Mechanical behaviour of nanomaterials, metallic glasses and architecturally designed materials”, September 7-9, Paris 2011
- Invited talk IMRC meeting in the symposium “Micro- and Nanomechanical Testing of Materials and Devices”, Cancun, Mexico from August 14-19, 2011.
- Invited lecture in the 2nd International Workshop on the Plasticity of Nanocrystalline Metals, September 25 2011, Bostal Germany
W. Wagner, P. Vontobel, Y. Dai, M. Wohlmuther
Target Development Initiatives at SINQ Applying Neutron Techniques
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W. Wagner
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V. Davydov, P. Lukáš, M. Petrenec, O. Man, P. Strunz, R. Kužel, H. Van Swygenhoven
Internal stresses and microstructure studied by neutron diffraction profile analysis: comparison with other techniques

V. Davydov, S. Van Petegem, H. Van Swygenhoven
POLDI materials science diffractometer with multiple pulse overlap technique
19th NeT Steering Committee Meeting, Athens, Greece, June 9-10, 2011.

V. Davydov, J.-M. Drezet, H. Van Swygenhoven
Neutron diffraction internal stress studies in heat treatable aluminium components with a direct comparison to finite element predictions
5th European Conference on Neutron Scattering (ECNS 5th), Prague, The Czech Republic, July 17-22, 2011 (Poster)
V. Davydov, J.-M. Drezet, H. Van Swygenhoven

*Neutron diffraction internal stress studies in heat treatable aluminium components with a direct comparison to finite element predictions*

6th International Conference on Mechanical Stress Evaluation by Neutrons and Synchrotron Radiation (MECA SENS VI), Hamburg, Germany, September 7-9, 2011.

V. Davydov, P. Lukáš, M. Petrenec, O. Man, P. Strunz, R. Kužel, H. Van Swygenhoven

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A.P. Kaestner, B. Muench, P. Trtik, L. Butler

*Spatio-temporal neutron tomography of dynamic processes*

EGU-2011, Wien, 3-9 April, 2011

A.P. Kaestner, D. Mannes, E. Lehmann, F. Schmid, and J. Hovind

*Non-destructive characterization of adhesive distribution by means of neutron imaging*


D. Kecik, H. Van Swygenhoven, G-M Rignanese,

*Colour of gold alloys studied from first principles*

TokyoTech-EPFL Workshop on Materials, Château-d’Oex, Switzerland, March 13th – 16th, 2011

D. Kecik, H. Van Swygenhoven, G-M Rignanese

*Colour of gold alloys studied from density functional theory*

CCMX Annual Meeting, Bern, Switzerland, April 5th, 2011 (Poster)

D. Kecik, H. Van Swygenhoven, G-M Rignanese

*Colour of gold alloys studied from density functional theory”*

IMX Doctoral Day, EPFL, Switzerland, March 17th, 2011 (Poster + Presentation)

D. Kecik, H. Van Swygenhoven, G-M Rignanese

*Optical properties of gold and its alloys: first principles calculations at different levels*

XX International Materials Research Congress, MRS Mexico, Cancun, August 14th – 19th, 2011 (Contributed Talk)

D. Kecik, H. Van Swygenhoven, G-M Rignanese

*Ab initio calculation of the optical properties of gold and its alloys”*

Euromat 2011, Montpellier, France, September 12th – 15th, 2011 (Contributed Talk)

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*Optical response calculations of gold alloys from first principles*

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E. H. Lehmann, J. Hovind, S. Lovacs, S. Tesh, M. O. Spidel

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*Possibilities and limitations of advanced radiation methods for imaging of wood*

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Combining neutron diffraction and imaging for residual stress analysis in single crystal turbine blades
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J. Repper, W. Häußler, P. Böni, S.M. Shapiro
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J. Repper, H. Van Swygenhoven
Residual stresses and mechanical behaviour explored by Neutrons of X-Ray diffraction
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S. Van Petegem, L. Li, P. Anderson, H. Van Swygenhoven
Evolution of residual strains in nanocrystalline metals studied by diffraction.
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S. Van Petegem, H. Van Swygenhoven
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H. Van Swygenhoven, J. Zimmermann, C. Marichal, S. Van Petegem, C. Borca
Plasticity in bcc pillars: in-situ Laue diffraction
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Deformation studies of a creep resistant bainitic steel using synchrotron and neutron diffraction
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LECTURES AND COURSES

A.P. Kaestner
- Principle of computed tomography, University of Palermo, Italy, April 2011
- Advanced filter methods, University of Palermo, Italy, April 2011

MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNAL COMMITTEES

H. Van Swygenhoven
- Member of PSI Foko

MEMBERSHIP IN EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

E. H. Lehmann
- President of the International Society for Neutron Radiology 2010-2014
- Referee Committee des FRM-II, TU München, D
- Member of the Beam Instrumentation Advisory Group of ANSTO, Australia
- Swiss Representative in COST-IE 0601, Member of the Steering Committee
- D. Mannes, Swiss Representative in COST-FP0904, Member of the Management Committee

A.P. Kaestner
- Board member of the International Society for Neutron Radiology 2010-2014

D. Mannes
- Swiss Representative in COST-FP0904, Member of the Management Committee

W. Wagner
- ESS Target-Technical Advisory committee (t-TAC), ESS, Lund, Sweden
- International Neutron Technology Advisory Committee of the CSNS China Spallation Neutron Source Project

Van Swygenhoven
- Member of the board of trustees of the Freiburg Materials Research center (FMF), Germany, since 2010
- Member of the Advisory Board for the Doctoral Training Centre (DTC) on Theory and Simulation of Materials (TSM) at Imperial College (see www.cmth.ph.ic.ac.uk/dtc/)
- Elected by the EC-commission as a member of the External Advisory Group (EAG) of the NMP program
- Member of the board of Interdisciplinary Center for Advanced Materials Modelling (iCAMS), Ruhr-University Bochum
- Vice chair of the International Committee of Strength of Materials (ICSMA)
- Member of the reviewing commission of the proposals for beam time at the instruments at FRM II

DISSERTATIONS

Julien Zimmermann
_In-situ Laue Diffraction During Compression of Directionally Solidified Mo Micropillars_.

Ning Gao
_Molecular Dynamics Simulations of Helium Atoms Clustering in bcc Iron._
EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Elisabeth Matthews, Summer internship, University of Cambridge, UK, June-August 2011

Richard Simons, Summer internship, Imperial College London, UK, June – September 2011

Yann Todeschini, Summer internship, École Européenne d’Ingenieurs en Génie des Materiaux Nancy, France, June – August 2011

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G. Pascua  
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T. Prokscha  
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Z. Shermadini

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E. Stilp  
*Low-energy μSR investigations of photo induced effects on the magnetic state of La₂₋ₓSrₓCuO₄ at low doping (x≤0.02)*

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E. Stilp  
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M. Bendele
Muon spin rotation and relaxation (μSR) studies on Fe-based superconductors - an introduction
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M. Bendele
Superconducting and magnetic properties of the FeSe$_{1-x}$ system
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R. Khasanov
Muon-spin rotation study of magnetic and superconducting properties of Fe-based superconductors
Seminar, MPI Stuttgart, December 21, 2011

H. Luetkens
Coexistence and competition of magnetism and high-Tc superconductivity in Iron-based pnictides and chalcogenides
International Conference on Functional Materials, Crimea, Ukraine, October 3-8, 2011

A. Maisuradze
μSR investigation of pressure effect on superfluid density in YBa$_2$Cu$_3$O$_x$
Seminar Solid State Physics, University of Zurich, November 9, 2011

E. Morenzoni
Local superconducting and magnetic properties of La$_{2-x}$Sr$_x$CuO$_4$ heterostructures
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E. Morenzoni
Accurate measurements of the absolute value and temperature dependence of the London penetration depth in unconventional superconductors
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H. Saadaoui
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Z. Salman
Single Molecule Magnets - From bulk to thin films and mono-layers
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Crystal growth of cuprate and iron chalcogenide superconductors by travelling floating zone and Bridgman methods
Seminar at Shanghai Jiao Tong University
Shanghai, China, June 3, 2011

K. Conder, E. Pomjakushina
Crystal growth of complex oxides by Travelling Solvent Floating Zone (TSFZ) method
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PSI Villigen, Switzerland, September 6, 2011

K. Conder, G. Deng, E. Pomjakushina
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Seminar at Bharathidasan University
Tiruchirappalli, India, October 3, 2011

M. Kenzelmann
Multiple-order phases in materials close to a quantum critical point
Spectroscopy Workshop on Novel Materials
Beatenberg, Switzerland, March 3-7, 2011
M. Kenzelmann
*Magnetically-driven electric polarization in magneto-electrics and multiferroics*
Novel Phenomena in Frustrated Systems
Santa Fe, USA, May 22-27, 2011

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EMRS Fall Meeting 2011
Warsaw, Poland, September 19-23, 2011

E. Pomjakushin, K. Conder, V.Yu. Pomjakushin, M. Bendele, R. Khasanov
*FeSe-based superconductors (11, 122-type): phase diagram, synthesis and crystal growth, structural and magnetic properties*
SLS Symposium on Crystal Growth and Characterization
PSI, Villigen, Switzerland, September 6, 2011
P. Hautle
*DNP using photo-excited triplet states*
3rd International Symposium on Dynamic Nuclear Polarization
EPFL
Lausanne, Switzerland, September 7-10, 2011

P. Hautle
*DNP using photo-excited triplet states and its application to spin filter neutrons*
EU Workshop FP7 SPINMAP
Linz, Germany, December 6-8, 2011

**CONFERENCE, WORKSHOP AND SEMINAR CONTRIBUTIONS, POSTERS**

M. Bartkowiak, U. Filges, T. Panzner
*Neutron optics in cryogenic sample environment*
5th European Conference on Neutron Scattering (ECNS 2011)
Prague, Czech Republic, July 17–22, 2011, poster

M. Bartkowiak, M. Zolliker
*Sample environment news*
JUM@P’11: Joint Users’ Meeting at PSI
Villigen PSI, Switzerland, September 15-16, 2011, poster

K. Conder, E. Pomjakushina, A. Krzton-Maziopa, M. Bendele, R. Khasanov,
V.Yu. Pomjakushin
*Fe$_{1+y}$Se$_x$Te$_{1-x}$ superconductors: synthesis, crystal growth, structural, superconducting and magnetic properties, isotope effect*
MRS Spring Meeting
San Francisco, USA, April 25-29, 2011, talk

K. Conder, G. Deng, E. Pomjakushina
*Crystal growth of cuprate spin ladder compounds by Optical Floating Zone Technique*
EMRS Fall Meeting 2011
Warsaw, Poland, September 19-23, 2011, talk

K. Conder, G. Deng, E. Pomjakushina
*Crystal growth of cuprate spin ladder compounds by Optical Floating Zone Technique*
International Conference on High Pressure Science and Technology
Mumbai, India, September 25-30, 2011, talk

T.R. Eichhorn, M. Haag, B. van den Brandt, A. Comment, P. Hautle
*Dynamic nuclear polarization via the photo-excited triplet state of pentacene-doped naphthalene crystals*
Joint Annual Meeting of the Swiss Physical Society and Austrian Physical Society
Lausanne, Switzerland, June 15-17, 2011, poster

T.R. Eichhorn, M. Haag, B. van den Brandt, A. Comment, P. Hautle
*A setup for triplet-state DNP on pentacene-doped naphthalene crystals*
3rd International Symposium on Dynamic Nuclear Polarization
Lausanne, EPFL
Switzerland, September 7-10, 2011, poster

U. Filges, P. Hautle, M. Haag, T.R. Eichhorn, B. van den Brandt, M. Schneider,
T. Panzner
*Present status and first experiments at the new SINQ Beamline BOA*
JUM@P’11: Joint Users’ Meeting at PSI
PSI Villigen, Switzerland, September 15-16, 2011, poster
The new PSI-DAQ - A core part of the 2nd generation instruments control electronics at SINQ
5th European Conference on Neutron Scattering (ECNS 2011)
Prague, Czech Republic, July 17–22, 2011, poster

M. Haag
A novel method to polarize protons and its application as a neutron spin filter
Joint Annual Meeting of the Swiss Physical Society and Austrian Physical Society
Lausanne, Switzerland, June 15-17, 2011, talk

M. Haag, T.R. Eichhorn, B. van den Brandt, P. Hautle
Polarizing protons using photoexcited triplet states and its application to build a neutron spin filter
3rd International Symposium on Dynamic Nuclear Polarization
EPFL
Lausanne, Switzerland, September 7-10, 2011, poster

M. Haag, T.R. Eichhorn, B. van den Brandt, P. Hautle
Polarizing protons using photoexcited triplet states and its application to build a neutron spin filter
JUM@P’11: Joint Users’ Meeting at PSI
PSI Villigen, Switzerland, September 15-16, 2011, poster

A. Krzton-Maziopa, E. Pomjakushina, V. Pomjakushin, K. Conder
Crystal growth, structure and superconducting properties of alkali metal intercalated 122-iron selenides
Swiss Workshop on Materials with Novel Electronic Properties Basic research and applications
Les Diablerets, Switzerland, June 29 - July 1, 2011, poster

A. Krzton-Maziopa, E. Pomjakushina, V. Pomjakushin, K. Conder
Micro-XRF studies of alkali metal intercalated iron-chalcogenide superconductors
E-MRS 2011 Fall Meeting
Warsaw, Poland, September 19-23, 2011, poster

A. Krzton-Maziopa, E. Pomjakushina, V. Pomjakushin, K. Conder
Crystal growth and superconductivity of alkali metal intercalated iron-chalcogenides
XV Krajowa Szkoła Nadprzewodnictwa
Kazimierz Dolny/ Lublin, Poland, October 9-13, 2011, poster

M. Medarde, R. Frison, E. Pomjakushina, K. Conder, L. Keller, L. Josic, E. Lehmann
Lead gold eutectic: an alternative liquid target material for spallation neutron sources
5th European Conference on Neutron Scattering (ECNS 2011)
Prague, Czech Republic, July 17-22, 2011, talk

The new beamline for neutron optics and other approaches – BOA
5th European Conference on Neutron Scattering (ECNS 2011)
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T. Panzner, J. Stahn, U. Filges
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*FeSe-based superconductors (11, 122-type): phase diagram, synthesis and crystal growth and characterization* 
IUCR 2011 
Madrid, Spain, August 22 -30, 2011, poster

E. Pomjakushina, A. Krzton-Maziopa, K. Conder 
*New alkali metal intercalated FeSe superconductors (122-type) with TC around 30K* 
5th European Conference on Neutron Scattering (ECNS 2011) 
Prague, Czech Republic, July 17-22, 2011, poster

E. Pomjakushina 
*Fe_{1+y}Se_xTe_{1-x} superconductors: phase diagram, crystal growth, structural and magnetic properties* 
MaNEP Workshop 
Neuchâtel, Switzerland, January 17-18, 2011, talk

M. Schneider, C. Schanzer, T. Panzner, Y. Bodenthin, U. Filges, P. Boeni, J. Stahn, M. Kenzelmann 
*Adaptive optics for neutrons* 
5th European Conference on Neutron Scattering (ECNS 2011) 
Prague, Czech Republic, July 17–22, 2011, poster

S. Wang, E. Pomjakushina, Ch. Ruegg, H.M. Ronnow, K. Conder 
Crystal growth and characterization of the dilutable frustrated spin-ladder compound 
Bi(Cu_{1-x}Zn_x)2PO_6 
TIT-EPFL Workshop 
Chateau-d'Oex, Switzerland, March 13-16, 2011, invited talk and poster

AWARDS, PRIZES AND NOMINATION:

K. Conder 
Titular Professor 
ETHZ D-MATL, Zurich, Switzerland

BOOKS/ BOOK CHAPTERS/ REPORTS

S. Wang, H.M. Ronnow 
Bose-Einstein condensation of degenerate incommensurate magnons in BiCu_2PO_6 
CNRS Annual Process Report (2011-not yet published)

MEMBERSHIP IN EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

H. Grimmer 
- Consultant Commission on mathematical and theoretical Crystallography 
- General Editorial Board Member Journal “Symmetry” (since 2009)
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- Executive Committee of the NIST Center for Neutron Research User Group, Member at large NIST, US Department of Commerce, Gaithersburg, USA (since 2008)
- Swiss Neutron Scattering Society, Board Member (since 2009) Swiss Neutron Scattering Society, Villigen PSI, Switzerland
- Executive Committee, HYSPEC instrument development team (since 2010) Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, USA (since 2010)
- Organizer, European School on Multiferroics 5, Ascona (2012)
- Organizing committee, JUM@P Joint Users’ Meeting 2011, Villigen PSI
- Organizing committee, 10th PSI Summer School 2011, Zugerberg, Switzerland
- On-site reviewer, Condensed Matter Physics, Brookhaven National Lab, USA (2011).
- Ph.D. examiner, Shane M. Lawrence, Curtin Technical University, Perth.

M. Könnecke
- NeXus International Advisory Committee, Chairman, FRM-II Munich, Germany (2008-2011)

M. Medarde
- PhD (Aura Janeth Barón González, *Study of the electronic mechanisms in the Cobalt perovskites* \(Pr_{0.5}Ca_{0.5}CoO_3\), \((Pr,Y,Ca)CoO_3\) and \(La_2MnCoO_6\)), Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, Bellaterra, Spain

**CONGRESSES ORGANIZED**

M. Könnecke
Pan-data Data Format Workshop
Paris, France, February 9, 2011

Mark Koennecke / P. Jemian
NeXus Code Camp
Argonne, USA, October 20-22, 2011
BIOMOLECULAR RESEARCH

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N Biotechnol 28, 291-293 (2011)

A. Akhmanova, M.O. Steinmetz
Microtubule end binding: EBs sense the guanine nucleotide state

Acetylation of lysine 120 of p53 endows DNA-binding specificity at effective physiological salt concentration
Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 108, 8251-8256 (2011)

Neuropilin-1 promotes VEGFR-2 trafficking through Rab11 vesicles thereby specifying signal output
Blood 118, 816-826 (2011)

M. Balsera, R.M. Buey, X.D. Li
Quaternary structure of the oxaloacetate decarboxylase membrane complex and mechanistic relationships to pyruvate carboxylases
J Biol Chem 286, 9457-9467 (2011)

Collagen VI, conformation of A-domain arrays and microfibril architecture
J Biol Chem 286, 40266-40275 (2011)

P. Berger, K. Ballmer-Hofer
The reception and the party after: how vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 2 explores cytoplasmic space
Swiss Med Wkly 141, w13318 (2011)

P. Berger, K. Tersar, K. Ballmer-Hofer, U. Suter
The CMT4B disease-causing proteins MTMR2 and MTMR13/3BF2 regulate AKT signalling

F. Bourquin, G. Capitani, M.G. Grutter
PLP-dependent enzymes as entry and exit gates of sphingolipid metabolism
Protein Sci 20, 1492-1508 (2011)
'Thermodynamic and structural description of allosterically regulated VEGF receptor 2 dimerization

Insights into EB1 structure and the role of its C-terminal domain for discriminating microtubule tips from the lattice
Mol Biol Cell 22, 2912-2923 (2011)

K.H. Bui, G. Pigino, T. Ishikawa
'Three-dimensional structural analysis of eukaryotic flagella/cilia by electron cryo-tomography
J Synchrotron Radiat 18, 2-5 (2011)

S. Demarche, K. Sugihara, T. Zambelli, L. Tiefenauer, J. Voros
Techniques for recording reconstituted ion channels
Analyst 136, 1077-1089 (2011)

X. Deupi, J. Standfuss
'Structural insights into agonist-induced activation of G-protein-coupled receptors
Curr Opin Struct Biol 21, 541-551 (2011)

'Stabilized G protein binding site in the structure of constitutively active metarhodopsin-II

The DNA-binding domain of human PARP-1 interacts with DNA single-strand breaks as a monomer through its second zinc finger
J Mol Biol 407, 149-170 (2011)

'Development of functional germline variants in the VEGF receptor 2 gene and their effect on gene expression and microvessel density in lung cancer
Clin Cancer Res 17, 5257-5267 (2011)

A. Gonzalez, T. Perez-Acle, L. Pardo, X. Deupi
'Molecular basis of ligand dissociation in beta-adrenergic receptors

Z. Guo, N. Hauser, A. Moreno, T. Ishikawa, P. Walde
'AOT vesicles as templates for the horseradish peroxidase-triggered polymerization of aniline

A prokaryotic S1P lyase degrades extracellular S1P in vitro and in vivo: implication for treating hyperproliferative disorders

'Structural analysis of vascular endothelial growth factor receptor-2/ligand complexes by small-angle X-ray solution scattering
FASEB J 25, 2980-2986 (2011)

D. Kitagawa, I. Vakonakis, N. Olieric, M. Hilbert, D. Keller, V. Olieric, M. Bortfeld, M.C. Erat, I. Fluckiger, P. Gonczy, M.O. Steinmetz
'Structural basis of the 9-fold symmetry of centrioles
Cell 144, 364-375 (2011)
*Structural determinants of vascular endothelial growth factor-D receptor binding and specificity*

S. Maeda, T. Tsukihara
*Structure of the gap junction channel and its implications for its biological functions*

F.M. Megli, E. Conte, T. Ishikawa
*Cholesterol attenuates and prevents bilayer damage and breakdown in lipoperoxidized model membranes. A spin labeling EPR study*
*Biochim Biophys Acta* **1808**, 2267-2274 (2011)

*Electron microscopy studies on the quaternary structure of p53 reveal different binding modes for p53 tetramers in complex with DNA*

*Two distinct conformations of helix 6 observed in antagonist-bound structures of a beta1-adrenergic receptor*

S. Nakagawa, X.Q. Gong, S. Maeda, Y. Dong, Y. Misumi, T. Tsukihara, D. Bai
*Asparagine 175 of connexin32 is a critical residue for docking and forming functional heterotypic gap junction channels with connexin26*

G. Pigino, K.H. Bui, A. Maheshwari, P. Lupetti, D. Diener, T. Ishikawa
*Cryoelectron tomography of radial spokes in cilia and flagella*

*Crystal structure of the GlnZ-DraG complex reveals a different form of PII-target interaction*

M. Rossmann, M. Sukumaran, A.C. Penn, D.B. Veprintsev, M.M. Babu, I.H. Greger
*Subunit-selective N-terminal domain associations organize the formation of AMPA receptor heteromers*
*EMBO J* **30**, 959-971 (2011)

*A structural insight into the reorientation of transmembrane domains 3 and 5 during family A G protein-coupled receptor activation*

M.A. Scharer, A.C. Eliot, M.G. Grutter, G. Capitani
*Structural basis for reduced activity of 1-aminocyclopropane-1-carboxylate synthase affected by a mutation linked to andromonoecy*

*The structural basis of agonist-induced activation in constitutively active rhodopsin*

*The structural impact of cancer-associated missense mutations in oncogenes and tumor suppressors*
M.J. Stroud, R.A. Kammerer, C. Ballestrem
*Characterization of G2L3 (GAS2-like 3), a new microtubule- and actin-binding protein related to spectraplakins*

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*Membranes*

A. Studer, S. Demarche, D. Langenegger, L. Tiefenauer
*Integration and recording of a reconstituted voltage-gated sodium channel in planar lipid bilayers*
Biosens Bioelectron **26**, 1924-1928 (2011)

*Adaptation of pineal expressed teleost exo-rod opsin to non-image forming photoreception through enhanced Meta II decay*

*Structures of SAS-6 suggest its organization in centrioles*
Science **331**, 1196-1199 (2011)

B. van der Vaart, C. Manatschal, I. Grigoriev, V. Olieric, S.M. Gouveia, S. Bjelic, J. Demmers, I. Vorobjev, C.C. Hoogenraad, M.O. Steinmetz, A. Akhmanova
*SLAIN2 links microtubule plus end-tracking proteins and controls microtubule growth in interphase*

*CMView: interactive contact map visualization and analysis*
Bioinformatics **27**, 1573-1574 (2011)

*The structural basis for agonist and partial agonist action on a beta(1)-adrenergic receptor*
Nature **469**, 241-244 (2011)

*Preparation of an activated rhodopsin/transducin complex using a constitutively active mutant of rhodopsin*
Biochemistry **50**, 10399-10407 (2011)

**BOOK CHAPTERS**

T. Ishikawa
*Organization of dyneins and associated regulatory systems in the axoneme*

**PATENT**

L. Tiefenauer, E. Müller, I. Imhof, H. Schift
*A method for producing a polymer-based microfluidics system for bioanalytics using biological membranes*
Application No: 11 163 710.4: E. P. Office (2011)

**Non-peer-reviewed articles**

*Integration of multiple expression cassettes into mammalian genomes in a single step*
**CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS**

Daiju Kitagawa, Ioannis Vakonakis, Olieric Natacha, Hilbert Manuel, Debora Keller, Vincent Olieric, Miriam Bortfeld, Michèle C. Erat, Isabelle Flückiger, Pierre Gönczy, Michel O. Steinmetz  
*9th Symposium of the NCCR Structural Biology 2011*  
Zürich, Switzerland, September 1-2, 2011  
Poster presentation: Structural Basis of the 9-fold Symmetry of Centrioles

Daiju Kitagawa, Ioannis Vakonakis, Olieric Natacha, Hilbert Manuel, Debora Keller, Vincent Olieric, Miriam Bortfeld, Michèle C. Erat, Isabelle Flückiger, Pierre Gönczy, Michel O. Steinmetz  
*EMBO Conference Series Centrosomes and Spindle Pole Bodies*  
Barcelona, Spain, October 2–6, 2011  
Poster presentation: Structural Basis of the 9-fold Symmetry of Centrioles

S. Demarche, K. Sugihara, L. Tiefenauer, J. Vörös  

I. Imhof , S. Demarche, S. Krämer, L. Tiefenauer  
*Membrane transporters in drug discovery, Grindelwald, Switzerland, August 7-11, 2011*

Caroline AC Hyde, Alexandra Giese, Edward Stuttfeld, Kurt Ballmer-Hofer  
*8th International Symposium on the Biology of Endothelial Cells*  
Zurich, Switzerland, June 15-18, 2011  
Poster presentation: VEGR-2 inhibition by specific extracellular domain binders

**Invited Talks**

T. Ishikawa  
3D structural analysis of eukaryotic flagella/cilia to reveal their bending mechanism  
6th Electron Tomography Conference, EMBL, Heidelberg, Germany, May 7, 2011

T. Ishikawa  
3D structural analysis of flagella/cilia by cryo-electron tomography  
Kazato-prize award ceremony, Fukuoka, Japan, May 16, 2011

T. Ishikawa  
3D structure of axonemal dynein revealed by electron cryo-tomography  
Gordon Research Conference in Muscle and Molecular Motors, New London, NH, USA, July 12, 2011

T. Ishikawa  
In situ structural analysis of axonemal dyneins in flagella/cilia by electron cryotomography  
Ninth international conference of AAA proteins, Kumamoto, Japan, November 9, 2011

T. Ishikawa  
Structural analysis of eukaryotic flagella/cilia  
12th RIES-Hokudai Symposium, Sapporo, Japan, November 22, 2011
T. Ishikawa
Electron cryo-tomography reveals the three-dimensional ultrastructure of flagella
The Neuroscience Seminar Series, CAESAR, Bonn, Germany, November 29, 2011

M.O. Steinmetz
Mechanisms of centriole formation
Annual meeting of the American Society of Nephrology 2011
Philadelphia, USA, November 10, 2011

M.O. Steinmetz
Mechanisms of centriole formation
EMBO Members Meeting 2011
Heidelberg, Germany, October 26-28, 2011

M.O. Steinmetz
Molecular mechanisms of microtubule tip tracking and centriole formation
Biochemie Zentrum Heidelberg, University of Heidelberg
Heidelberg, Germany, November 28, 2011

M.O. Steinmetz
Molecular mechanisms of microtubule tip tracking and centriole formation
Mari Lowe Seminar Series, University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, USA, November 9, 2011

M.O. Steinmetz
Molecular mechanisms of microtubule tip tracking and centriole formation
Pathology and Cell Biology Seminar Series, Columbia University
New York, USA, November 7, 2011

M.O. Steinmetz
Molecular mechanisms of microtubule tip tracking and centriole formation
Biozentrum, University of Basel
Basel, Switzerland, June 21, 2011

M.O. Steinmetz
Molecular mechanisms of microtubule tip tracking and centriole formation
Institute for Atomic and Molecular Physics
Amsterdam, The Netherlands, June 10, 2011

M.O. Steinmetz
Molecular mechanisms of microtubule tip tracking and centriole formation
Instituto Gulbenikan de Ciencia
Oeiras, Portugal, May 20, 2011

M.O. Steinmetz
Structure-function relationship of proteins regulating the microtubule cytoskeleton
Cancer Research UK
London, UK, April 12, 2011

N. Olieric
Structural Basis of the 9-fold Symmetry of Centrioles
Max Plank Institute of Biochemistry
Martinsried, Germany, January 17, 2011

S. Bjelić
Towards quantifying protein-protein interactions using synchrotron-based oxidative footprinting
Swiss Light Source, PSI
Villigen-PSI, Switzerland, June 7, 2011
S. Bjelić
Towards quantifying protein-protein interactions using synchrotron-based oxidative footprinting
25th Rhine-Knee Regional Meeting on X-ray Crystallography of Biomacromolecules
Sursee, Switzerland, September 28-30, 2011

S. Bjelić
Exploring Wet Interfaces: Role of Solvent for the EB1-p150n Interaction
Biacore and MicroCal User Meeting - Milan
Milano, Italy, September 21-22, 2011

I. Imhof
Development of a polymer-based microfluidic system for the bioanalysis of membrane proteins
NanoBioEurope Conference
Cork, Ireland, June 21-23, 2011

L. Tiefenauer
Measuring membrane proteins reconstituted in planar lipid bilayers
MPI Biophysik
Frankfurt, Germany, December 16, 2011

P. Berger
“Neuropilin-1 promotes VEGFR-2 trafficking through Rab11 vesicles”
Angiogenesis Gordon Research Conference 2011
Salve Regina University, Newport, USA

P. Berger
“MultiLabel: A new tool for multigene expression in mammalian cells”
CAPRI2010 EC workshop
Center for proteomics, Rijeka, Croatia, October, 2011

K. Ballmer
Inhibitors of Angiogenesis: design, synthesis and biological exploitation
COST CM0602, Bratislava Slovakia June 11-14, 2011

K. Ballmer
Structural and functional analysis of VEGF receptor 2; the role of distinct extracellular domains in receptor
activation, and the design of new allosteric inhibitors of VEGF signaling
EC8 ETHZ 8th International Symposium on the biology of Endothelial Cells
Zurich, June 15-18, 2011

K. Ballmer
Protein Kinases and Protein Phosphorylation
FASEB summer research conferences, Snowmass, Colorado USA, July 17-22, 2011

K. Ballmer
TOR, PI3K and Akt – 20 Years On, Basel, September 11-13, 2011, Chair: Nuts and Bolts of Signaling

K. Ballmer
Von der Molekülstruktur zum Therapieansatz: Entwicklung neuer Inhibitoren zur Blockierung der Angiogenese
beim Tumorwachstum und bei der Makuladegeneration
Jahrestagung der Schweiz. Ges. der Offiziere der Sanitätstruppen, Basel, September 17, 2011

K. Ballmer
Structural and functional analysis of VEGF receptor 2; the role of the membrane proximal extracellular and the
transmembrane domain in receptor activation, and the design of new allosteric inhibitors of VEGF signaling
Novartis Pharma, Basel, November 3, 2011
J. Standfuss  
Structures of active and inactive GPCRs: Implications for ligand binding and activation  
25 years of Biostructure Research at Roche  
Basel, Switzerland, November 17, 2011

J. Standfuss  
Crystal Structure of Constitutively Active Rhodopsins: How an agonist can activate its GPCR  
DiscoverX Technology Symposium  
Strasbourg, France, September 27, 2011

J. Standfuss  
Structural basis of agonist induced activation in constitutively active rhodopsin  
P-cube Workshop on Mammalian Expression Technologies  
Oxford, UK, April 5, 2011

J. Standfuss  
Crystal structure of Metarhodopsin-II: A fully activated GPCR  
Keystone Symposium “Transmembrane Signaling by GPCRs and Channels”  
Taos, USA, January 24, 2011

G. Capitani  
Is It Biologically Relevant? An Evolutionary Method for Distinguishing Biological Interfaces from Crystal Contacts  
3DSIG 2011 Structural Bioinformatics and Computational Biophysics meeting  
Vienna, Austria, July 14, 2011

G. Capitani  
An evolutionary method for distinguishing biological interfaces from crystal contacts: applications to structure-based networks  
EMBO|EMBL Symposium on Structure and Dynamics of Protein Networks  
Heidelberg, Germany, October 14, 2011

X. Deupi  
Structural basis of biased agonism in GPCRs  
Experimental Biology 2011 (American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics)  
Washington, DC (USA), 2011

MEMBERSHIPS IN EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

T. Ishikawa  
BSM (Biomolecular Structure and Mechanism) PhD course in Zurich, selection committee  
Associate member, EMEZ (Electron Microscopy Center, ETH Zurich)

G. Schertler  
Scientific Advisory Board, Heptares Pharmaceuticals  
Scientific advisory committee of MAX IV Laboratory, Sweden

UNIVERSITY LEVEL AND OTHER TEACHING

M.O. Steinmetz  
Mechanisms of Microtubule Associated Proteins  
Biozentrum of the University of Basel, Switzerland  
November 23, 2011

G. Capitani  
Lecturer in the course “Introduction to Bioinformatics: Concepts and Applications” (551-1295-00L)  
ETH Zurich  
HS 2011
LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

S. Däpp, E. García Garayoa, V. Maes, L. Brans, DA Tourwé, C. Müller, R. Schibli
PEGylation of (99m)Tc-labeled bombesin analogues improves their pharmacokinetic properties

S. Lehenberger, C. Barkhausen, S. Cohrs, E. Fischer, J. Grünberg, A. Hohn, U. Köster, R. Schibli,
A. Türler, K. Zhermosekov
The low-energy β(-) and electron emitter (161)Tb as an alternative to (177)Lu for targeted radionuclide therapy

E. Fischer, J. Grünberg, S. Cohrs, A. Hohn, K. Waldner-Knogler, S. Jeger, K. Zimmermann, I. Novak-Hofer,
R. Schibli
L1-CAM-targeted antibody therapy and (177) Lu-Radioimmunotherapy of disseminated ovarian cancer

C. Müller, I.R. Iontcho, H.K.R. Santhapuram, C.P. Leamon, R. Schibli
“Tumor Targeting Using 67Ga-DOTA-Bz-Folate – Investigations of Methods to Improve the Tissue Distribution of
Radiofolates”
Nuclear Medicine & Biology 2011, 38 (5): 715-723

C. Müller, IR Vlahov, HK Santhapuram, CP. Leamon, R. Schibli
Tumor targeting using 67Ga-DOTA-Bz-folate--investigations of methods to improve the tissue distribution of
radiofolates

TM. Piscaer, C. Müller, TL. Mindt, E. Lubberts, JA. Verhaar, EP. Krenning, E. Schibli, M. De Jong, H. Weinans
Imaging of activated macrophages in experimental osteoarthritis using folate-targeted animal
single-photon-emission computed tomography/computed tomography

S. Lehmann, E. Garayoa, A. Blanc, R. Keist, R. Schibli, M. Rudin
Recording intracellular molecular events from the outside: glycosylphosphatidylinositol-anchored avidin as a
reporter protein for in vivo imaging

C. Müller, R. Schibli
8 Folic acid conjugates for nuclear imaging of folate receptor-positive cancer

“Radiolabeling of Rituximab with 188Re and 99mTc Using the Tricarbonyl Technology”
Nuclear Medicine & Biology, 38: 19-28 (2011)

In vivo testing of 177Lu-labelled anti-PSMA antibody as a new radioimmunotherapeutic agent against prostate
cancer.

M. Brom, L. Joosten, P. Laverman, WJ. Oyen, M. Béhé, M. Gotthardt, OC. Boerman
Preclinical evaluation of 68Ga-DOTA-minigastrin for the detection of cholecystokinin-2/gastrin receptor-positive
tumors.
Mol Imaging. 10(2):144-52. PubMed PMID: 21439259; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC3123532 (2011)
Activated platelets in carotid artery thrombosis in mice can be selectively targeted with a radiolabeled single-chain antibody.


First clinical evidence that imaging with somatostatin receptor antagonists is feasible


Optical imaging of CCKb/gastrin receptor-positive tumors with a minigastrin near-infrared probe.


"¹⁸F-Labeling, in vitro and in vivo studies of a bombesin analogue for the imaging of GRP receptor-positive prostate cancer"


Improved column-based radiochemical processing of the generator produced ⁶⁸Ga


UNIVERSITY LEVEL AND OTHER TEACHING

R. Schibli
Einführung in die Pharmazeutischen Wissenschaften I&II
ETH Zürich

R. Schibli
Radiopharmazeutische Chemie
ETH Zürich

R. Schibli
Seminars on Drug Discovery and Development
ETH Zürich

R. Schibli
CIMST Interdisciplinary Summer School on Bio-Medical Imaging
ETH Zürich

C. Müller
Vitamine in der Vorsorge und Therapie
ETH Zürich

C. Müller
Einführung in die Pharmazeutischen Wissenschaften for Students of the First Year in Pharmaceutical Science: “Entwicklung von Pharmazeutika – die Präklinische Phase
ETH Zürich

C. Müller
Modul III of the Education of Nuclear Physicians, Swiss Society for Radiopharmacy and Radiopharmaceutical Chemistry (SGRRC), “Preparation and Quality Control of ⁹⁹ᵐTc-Radiopharmaceuticals”
ETH Zürich

M. Behe
Invited student lecture at the Universite Strasbourg "Radiometals" in modul radiochemistry and -pharmacy
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LECTURES AND COURSES

Prof. Dr. A. Türler
Universität Bern, FS2011:

Bachelor
Instrumentalanalytik II (with Dr. K. Krämer and Prof. M. Schwikowski)
Allgemeine Chemie (Einführung Radioaktivität) (with Prof. R. Hähner and Prof. J. Hulliger)

Universität Bern, HS2011:

Bachelor
Physikalische Chemie IV (with Prof. T. Wandlowski)
Praktikum Phys. Chemie II (with others)
Biochemische Methoden I (with others)

Master
Nuclear and Radiochemistry (with R. Eichler)
Lab course: Nuclear and Radiochemistry at Bern, Basel, ETHZ and PSI (with others)
Seminar Radio- und Umweltchemie in collaboration with Paul Scherrer Institut
(organized by D. Schumann FS2011 and S. Szidat HS2011)

Prof. Dr. M. Schwikowski
Universität Bern, FS2011:

Bachelor
Instrumentalanalytik II (with Prof. A. Türler and Dr. K. Krämer)

Master
Summer Course am Paul Scherrer Institut. 2months International Summer Student Programme
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Master
Atmospheric and Aerosol Chemistry

Dr. M. Ammann
ETH Zürich, FS2011:
Systempraktikum Atmosphäre und Klima,

Dr. T. Bartels-Rausch
Universität Bern, HS2011

Master
Lab course: Nuclear and Radiochemistry at the PSI (with Prof. A. Türler and S. Szidat) (4 ECTS)

Dr. R. Dressler
Course for PhD students at PSI
Nuclear Radiation Measurement Part 1
Nuclear Radiation Measurement Part 2
MEMBERS OF SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES

Dr. Markus Ammann:
Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics: member of editorial board
Member of the IUPAC Subcommittee on gas kinetic data evaluation
PSI internal research commission (FoKo), member

Dr. Thorsten Bartels-Rausch:
Air-Ice Chemical Interactions (AICI), Member of Steering Committee

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Member of the PSI internal Neutron Source Development Group

Prof. Dr. Margit Schwikowski:
Member of the Coordinating Committee of the Pages/IGBP initiative LOTRED SA
(Long-Term climate Reconstruction and Diagnosis of (southern) South America)
Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Schnee, Eis und Permafrost (SEP), board member
Member of the Oeschger Centre for Climate Change Research (OCCR)
Council of the International Glaciological Society, elective member
PhD thesis committee Kimberley Ann Casey, Supraglacial dust and debris characterization via in situ and optical remote sensing methods, University of Oslo, 15 September 2011
PhD thesis committee Irene Wientjes, A study of the dark region in the western ablation zone of the Greenland ice sheet, Utrecht University, 7 October 2011
DOCTORAL THESIS

Veronika Zelenay
*Water uptake and chemical composition in single submicron particles analyzed by X-ray microspectroscopy*
Prof. Dr. T. Peter / ETHZ
Dr. M. Ammann / PSI
January 2011

Simon Fahrni
*New methods for radiocarbon measurements of atmospheric di- and polycarboxylic acids with accelerator mass spectrometry*
Prof. Dr. H. W. Gäggeler / PSI & Uni Bern
PD Dr. S. Szidat / Uni Bern
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Yulia Sosedova
*Heterogenous chemistry of nitrogen dioxide and its impact on atmospheric nitrous acid*
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C. Barkhausen
*Production of non carrier added (n.c.a.) \(^{177}\)Lu for radiopharmaceutical Applications*
PhD thesis at TU Munich
Prof. Dr. A. Türler / PSI & Uni Bern
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Eva Bühlmann
*Influence of particulate matter on observed albedo reductions on Plaine Morte glacier, Swiss Alps*
Prof. Dr. M. Schwikowski / PSI & Uni Bern
Prof. Dr. M. Hoelzle / University of Fribourg
October 2011

Emanuel Hammer
*Calculation and interpretation of cloud peak supersaturations at the Jungfraujoch*
Prof. Dr. Urs Baltensperger / PSI
Dr. E. Weingartner / PSI
Prof. Dr. M. Schwikowski / PSI & Uni Bern
March 2011
Christine Ketterer
*Investigation of the planetary boundary layer using remote sensing and in-situ measurements at the Kleine Scheidegg and at the Jungfraujoch*
Dr. E. Weingartner / PSI
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Yvonne Hari
*System set-up for the isolation of humic-like substances from aerosols*
PD Dr. S. Szidat / Uni Bern
June 2011

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*First Prize for Young Researchers of the Swiss Snow, Ice and Permafrost Society (SEP)*
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**Membership of External Committees**

**CAVEDON J.-M.**
- Member of the KNS (Swiss Federal Nuclear Safety Commission)
- Member of the Advisory Board of the French Institut de Radioprotection et de Sûreté Nucléaire (IRSN)
- Member of the Bureau of OECD/NEA/CSNI (Committee on the Safety of Nuclear Installations)
- Swiss representative to the Policy Group of the Generation IV International Forum
- Member of the Board of the Swiss Nuclear Forum

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- Vice Chairman of the OECD/NEA Nuclear Science Committee (NSC)
- Member of the Editorial Board of Annals of Nuclear Energy
- Member of the Training and Academic Affairs Committee of the European Nuclear Education Network (ENEN)
- Member of the Board of the Swiss Nuclear Forum

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- President of the European Nuclear Society
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- Vice President of the Swiss Nuclear Society
- Member of the Board of Directors of the International Youth Nuclear Congress

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VOLKART K.
Anna Barbara Reinhard Prize 2011 for Female Student Excellence from the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET), May 2011

Membership of External Committees

DANG V.N.
• Member of the Board of the International Association for Probabilistic Safety Assessment and Management (IAPSAM)

HIRSCHBERG S.
• Individual Member of Swiss Academy of Technical Sciences
• Member of the Advisory Board “Technology, Innovation and Society” Programme of Helmholtz Association
• Member of the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Risk Assessment and Management
• Vice-chair of the ecoinvent Board of Directors

PODOFILLINI L.
• Chairman of the Technical Committee on Human Factors and Human Reliability of the European Safety and Reliability Association (ESRA)
• Member of the Board of the Human Reliability Analysis Society
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Projektleiter: L. Gubler
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Technische und wirtschaftliche Datenanalyse eines wasserstoffbetriebenen Brennstoffzellen-Fahrzeuges im Alltagstest
with hy.muve, BFE

Projektleiter: M. Zimmermann¹, S. Ulli-Beer

Project part: Diffusion dynamics of energy efficient renovations
Advanced Energy-Efficient Renovation of Buildings
with IEA, SNF, BFE, Stadt Zürich, Novatantis
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Projektleiter: S.M.A. Biollaz

ARRMAT (Attrition resistante reactive bed materials)
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WOODGAS-SOFC II - Verfahrenstechnik
EPFL, Empa
Projektleiter: S.M.A. Biollaz  
_Syngas Diagnosis_

Projektleiter: P. Jansohn  
_CELaDE (Clean and Efficient Large Diesel Engines)_

Projektleiter: P. Jansohn  
_SP2: Pre-combustion capture_  
_CarMa (Carbon Management in Power Generation)_

_COST_

Projektleiter: C. Ludwig  
_CMO903: Utilisation of biomass for sustainable fuels and chemicals (UBIOCHEM)_  
_Efficient recycling of nutrient solutions from an algae biofuel production process_

_COST / SFB_

Projektleiter: R. Siegwolf  
_Carbon cycling in alpine soils in a warmer world_

_Energie Trialog Schweiz_

Projektleiter: A. Wokaun, P. Dietrich, S. Hirschberg  
_Studies on Energy Efficiency, Renewable Electricity, Scenarios, Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis_

_ESA_

Projektleiter: U. Baltensperger, P. Zieger  
_ESA Aerosol CCI_

_ETH-Rat_

Projektleiter: M. Nachtegaal  
_Establishing X-ray emission spectroscopy to determine the structure of the catalytic active site and reaction intermediates in supported metal catalysts_  
_ETH Zürich_

Projektleiter: A. Wokaun, S.F. Lienin, S. Ulli-Beer, C. Bach  
_Erlebnisraum Mobilität: Aufbau einer sozio-technologischen Feldversuchsumgebung_  
_Novatlantis – Nachhaltigkeit im ETH Bereich_  

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_EU_

Projektleiter: U. Baltensperger, J. Dommen  
_EUROCHAMP-2 (Integration of European Simulation Chambers for Investigating Atmospheric Processes)_

Projektleiter: U. Baltensperger, E. Weingartner, M. Gysel  
_EUSAAR (European Supersites for Atmospheric Aerosol Research)_

Projektleiter: U. Baltensperger, E. Weingartner, M. Gysel, A.S.H. Prévôt  
_ACTRIS (Aerosols, Clouds, and Trace gases Research Infrastructure Network)_

Projektleiter: U. Baltensperger, A.S.H. Prévôt, E. Weingartner  
_EUCAARI (European Integrated project on Aerosol Cloud Climate and Air Quality Interactions)_

Projektleiter: U. Baltensperger, E. Weingartner  
_CLOUD-ITN (Cosmics Leaving OUtdoor Droplets, Initial Training Network)_

Projektleiter: U. Baltensperger, A.S.H. Prévôt, E. Weingartner  
_PEGASOS (Pan-european Gas-Aerosols-Climate Interaction Study)_
Teilprojektleiter: S.M.A. Biollaz
BRISK (Biofuels Research Infrastructure for Sharing Knowledge)

Projektleiter: F.N. Büchi
JT I FCH: Auto-Stack: Automotive fuel cell stack cluster initiative for Europe
with auto-stack consortium

Projektleiter: P. Delaporte¹, Work Package Leader: T. Lippert
eLIFT (Laser printing of organic/inorganic material for the fabrication of electronic devices)
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Projektleiter: P. Jansohn
HERCULES-B (High efficiency engine R&D on combustion with ultra low emissions for ships)

Projektleiter: P. Jansohn
H₂-IGCC (Low emission gas turbine technology for hydrogen-rich syngas)

Projektleiter: P. Jansohn, J. Mantzaras
H₂-IGCC (Hydrogen Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Plants)

Member of MC: R. Kötz
Hybrid energy storage devices and systems for mobile and stationary applications
COST Action MP1004

Projektleiter: P. Novák
MAHEATT (Materials for high energy accumulators in traction and tools)

Projektleiter: A.S.H. Prévôt
CIRCE (Climate change and Impact Research: The Mediterranean Environment)

Projektleiter: A.S.H. Prévôt, E. Weingartner
EUROSTARS (Fast and loading compensated Aethalometer—an instrument for real time measurement of
light absorbing carbonaceous aerosol)

Projektleiter: I.A. Schneider, T.J. Schmidt
DEMMEA (Understanding the degradation mechanisms of membrane-electrode-assembly for high
temperature PEMFCs and optimization of individual components)

Projektleiter: O. Sidorova, R. Siegwolf
EU-ISOTREC (Climatic and environmental changes in the Eurasian Subarctic inferred from tree-ring and
stable isotope chronologies for the past and recent periods)

Projektleiter: A. Steinfeld
TCS Power (Thermochemical Energy Storage for Concentrated Solar Power Plants)

Projektleiter: E. Weingartner, U. Baltensperger
GeoMon (Global Earth Observation and Monitoring of the atmosphere)

Projektleiter: C. Wieckert
SFERA (Solar Facilities for the European Research Area)

Forschungsvereinigung Verbrennungskraftmaschinen (FVV)

Projektleiter: O. Kröcher
Differenzierte Mikroanalytik von Particulate Matter (PM)

Industry

Projektleiter: P. Boillat, I.A. Schneider
Diagnostics of polymer electrolyte fuel cells
Automotive Industry
Teilprojektleiter: F.N. Büchi
*Developments for mobile fuel cell systems*
*S_Chan*

Projektleiter: P. Dietrich
*S_Chain (Research and development for a Swiss H₂-O₂ fuel cell system)*
Belenos Clean Power AG, Biel

Projektleiter: M. Elsener
*Thermal stability of vanadium oxide species on V₂O₅/WO₃-TiO₂ SCR catalysts*
MTU Friedrichshafen GmbH, Germany
Porzellanfabrik Frauenthal GmbH, Vienna, Austria

Projektleiter: J.L. Gómez-Cámer
*Graphite für Lithiumionen-Batterien*
TIMCAL SA, Bodio

Teilprojektleiter: L. Gubler
*Development of components for fuel cells*
*S_Chan*

Projektleiter: O. Kröcher, E. Rohart¹
*Development of SCR catalysts based on mixed rare earth metal oxides*
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Projektleiter: O. Kröcher
*Investigation of the decomposition of urea in the SCR process*
TOTAL, Paris, France

Projektleiter: P. Novák
*Projekt HE-Lion (Hochenergie-Lithiumionenbatterien für die Zukunft)*
BASF SE, Ludwigshafen, Germany

Projektleiter: P. Novák
*Forschungsnetzwerk „Elektrochemie und Batterien“*
BASF SE, Ludwigshafen, Germany

Projektleiter: S. Urbonaite
*Kohlenstoffe*
Heraeus Quarzglas GmbH & Co. KG, Kleinostheim, Germany

**KTI**

Projektleiter: P. Dietrich
*Swiss Fuel Cell (Development of a 25 kW Hydrogen/Oxygen Fuel Cell system) Projekt-Nr. 10050.2 PFIW-IW*
with Belenos Clean Power AG, Biel and Asulab, Marin

Projektleiter: C. Wieckert
*SOLSYN (Solar process for high quality syngas from low grade fuels or from wastes as fuel for cement kilns)*

**METEO SCHWEIZ**

Projektleiter: U. Baltensperger, E. Weingartner, N. Bukowiecki
*GAW-CH (Aerosol Monitoring Programm auf dem Jungfraujoch)*

Projektleiter: E. Weingartner, U. Baltensperger
*GAW-Plus (Continuous Measurement of Number Size Distributions and Cloud Condensation Nuclei at Jungfraujoch Research Station)*

**Nationalfonds**

Projektleiter: U. Baltensperger, J. Dommen
*Investigation of Secondary Organic Aerosol Formation in the PSI Smog Chamber*
FORCE, Investigation of Secondary Organic Aerosol Formation in the PSI Smog Chamber and at CERN

Degradation mechanisms of electro-catalysts used in polymer electrolyte fuel cells

Using trace elements in aerosol samples for source identification

Non linear fs spectroscopy and time resolved PES, NCCR-MUST (National Competence Centre of Research-Molecular Ultrafast Science and Technology)

Antioxidant strategies for the stabilization of fuel cell membranes against oxidative stress

Soot Nanoparticles in the Past and Present Atmosphere

Investigation of Collisional Processes Relevant for Laser-Induced Fluorescence of Nitric Oxide and Oxygen in High Pressure Combustion

Graphite oxides and graphene for electrochemical energy storage

Investigation of the selective catalytic reduction of NOx on diesel soot

Single crystalline films of ion conductors

Investigation of the selective catalytic reduction of NOx on diesel soot

Computational Modeling of Pd/PdOx Transformation in Redox Catalytic Cycles

Direct Numerical Simulation of Turbulent Catalytic Combustion

Novel phenomena at interfaces and in superlattices: conducting interfaces

Synthetic solid electrolyte interphase on carbon electrodes for lithium-ion batteries

New oxyphosphates as high specific charge electrode materials for lithium-ion batteries

Fabrication of patterned organic multilayer devices using dynamic release layer assisted Laser Induced Forward Transfer

Source Attribution of Particulate Matter in Alpine Valleys

Elementary Chemistry at the Gas-condensed Phase Interface: Implications for Atmospheric Science

SCOPES (Tree growth and forest ecosystem functioning in Eurasia under changing climate)
Understanding the isotope signal of trees growing on continuous permafrost in northern Siberia

Production and Processing of Atmospheric Aerosols from Biogenic and Biomass Burning Sources

Interaction of Aerosols with Clouds and Radiation

Negative ions: the overlooked species in thin film growth by pulsed laser deposition

Thin metal oxide films by PLD: "Tracing" the oxygen and understanding its role

NATO

Polymers based piezoelectric sensor array for chemical warfare agents detection

NATO

Science and Technology Cooperation Programme (Leadinghouse University of Geneva)

Investigations of stable and transient molecules in the gas phase by spectrally and temporally resolved nonlinear laser spectroscopy

St. Petersburg State University, Russia and A.M. Prokhorov General Physics Institute, Moscow, Russia

Swisselectric Research

Technologies for Gas Turbine Power Generation with CO₂ Mitigation

TEACHING ACTIVITIES (LECTURES)

University Level Teaching

Prof. Dr. U. Baltensperger, Prof. Dr. H. Burtscher¹, Dr. C. Marcoli²
Aerosole II
ETH Zürich, FS 2011.

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Prof. Dr. U. Baltensperger, Prof. Dr. H. Burtscher¹, Dr. C. Marcoli²
Aerosole I
ETH Zürich, HS 2011.

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Prof. Dr. K. Boulouchos¹, Dr. O. Kröcher
IC-Engines and propulsion systems II
ETH Zürich, FS 2011.

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Dr. P. Dietrich
IC-Engines and Propulsion Systems
ETH Zürich, HS 2011.

Dr.-Ing. P. Jansohn
Gasturbinen: Prozesse und Verbrennungssysteme
ETH Zürich, FS 2011.
Prof. Dr. C. Kömer, Dr. R. Siegwolf
_Pflanzenökologie, Part Stable Isotopes_
Institute of Botany, University of Basel, 2011.
1 University of Basel

Prof. Dr. M. Lehmann, Dr. R. Siegwolf
_Isotopengeochemie, Part: Pflanzenökologie_
University of Basel, 2011.
1 University of Basel

PD Dr. T. Lippert
_Mikro- und Nanostrukturen: Laseranwendungen in Industrie und Forschung_
ETH Zürich, HS 2011.

Prof. Dr. C. Ludwig
_Advanced solid waste treatment_
EPF Lausanne, HS 2011.

Prof. Dr. C. Ludwig, Dr. F. De Alencastro
_Analyse des polluants dans l'environnement_
EPF Lausanne, HS 2011.
1 EPF Lausanne

PD Dr. J. Mantzaras, Dr. C. Frouzakis
_Theoretical and Numerical Combustion_
ETH Zürich, FS 2011.
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Prof. Dr. P. Novák
_Elektrochemie_
ETH Zürich, HS 2011.

Dr. A.S.H. Prévôt, Prof. Dr. J. Staehelin
_Tropospheric Chemistry_
ETH Zürich, 2011.
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Prof. Dr. J.-L. Scartezzini, Prof. Dr. C. Ludwig, A.-G. Dumont, Prof. Dr. R. Schlaepfer, Dr. M. Soutter, Dr. D. Robinson, Dr. P. Tosolini
_Quartiers urbains, infrastructures et aménagements durables_
EPF Lausanne, FS 2011.
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PD Dr. C.W. Schneider, PD Dr. T. Lippert
_Inorganic Thin Films: Processing, Properties and Applications_
ETH Zürich, FS 2011.

Prof. Dr. A. Steinfeld, Prof. Dr. R. Abhari
_Energy Systems and Power Engineering_
ETH Zürich, FS 2011.

Prof. Dr. A. Steinfeld, Prof. Dr. R. Abhari
_Thermodynamics III_
ETH Zürich, HS 2011.

Prof. Dr. A. Steinfeld, Dr. A. Z’Graggen
_Radiation Heat Transfer_
ETH Zürich, HS 2011.
Dr. R. Werner¹, Prof. Dr. N. Buchmann¹, Dr. R. Siegwolf
*Stable Isotope Ecology of Terrestrial Ecosystems*
ETH Zürich 2011.
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Prof. Dr. A. Wokaun, Dr. G.G. Scherer, Prof. Dr. K. Boulouchos, Dr. F. Noembrini
*Renewable Energy Technologies II*
ETH Zürich, FS 2011.

Prof. A. Wokaun, Dr. P. Loutzenhiser
*Renewable Energy Technologies I*
ETH Zürich, HS 2011.

**Lecture Courses at Other Schools**

Dr. P. Dietrich
*Antriebssysteme und Verbrennungsmotoren*
BFH-HTI Biel, HS 2011.

Dr. P. Dietrich
*Minor Elektrizitätswirtschaft*
FHNW Windisch, FS 2011.

**Contributions to Courses at Universities, FHL, and Other Institutes**

Dr. S.M.A. Biollaz
*Biomass: Options for technical use*
Renewable Energy Technologies I, ETH Zürich, December 6, 2011.

Dr. S.M.A. Biollaz
*Biomass: Fuel production*
Renewable Energy Technologies I, ETH Zürich, December 13, 2011.

Prof. Dr. C. Ludwig
*The role of thermal processes in energy and materials flow management*
All just rubbish - Sustainability summer school 2011, ETH Zürich, June 29, 2011.

Dr. M. Nachtegaal
*Cook and look: Synchrotron techniques*
Biogeochemistry and pollution dynamics, ETH Zürich, June 6 – July 7, 2011.

Dr. M. Nachtegaal
*Practical summer school on functional materials*
PSI Villigen, August 20-22, 2011.

Dr. T.J. Schildhauer
*How can methods of chemical reaction engineering help to improve or develop a chemical process?*
*Producing SNG from wood, a case study*
Heterogeneous reaction technology, ETH Zürich, May 11, 2011.

Prof. Dr. T.J. Schmidt
*Renewable Energy Technologies II*
ETH Zürich, March 29, 2011.

Prof. Dr. T.J. Schmidt
*Strategische Übungen in analytischer Chemie*
ETH Zürich, December 6, 2011.

Dr. I.A. Schneider
*Renewable Energy Technologies II*
ETH Zürich, April 12/19, 2011.
PUBLICATIONS

Books and Reviewed Book Chapters

P. Boillat, G.G. Scherer
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*Catalytic microreactors for portable power generation*
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*Polymer electrolyte fuel cells* 11
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J. Mantzaras
*Transient modeling in heterogeneous combustion*
Heterogeneous Combustion

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*Evaluation of models for heterogeneous catalysis*
Modeling and Simulation of Heterogeneous Catalytic Reactions: From the Molecular Process to the Technical System

A. Meier
*Direct Solar Energy*

S. Ulli-Beer, M. Bosshardt, A. Wokaun
*Regional fleet simulation*
Transition to Hydrogen: Pathways Toward Clean Transportation

A. Wokaun
*Integrated assessment of hydrogen in transportation*
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S. Ulli-Beer, A. Wokaun
Towards a methodical synthesis of innovation system modelling
Operations Research Proceedings 2010. Selected Papers of the Annual International Conference of the
German Operations Research Society, edited by B. Hu, K. Morasch, S. Pickl, M. Siegle

E. Weingartner, H. Burtscher¹, C. Hüglin², K. Ehara³
Semi-continuous mass measurement
¹ University of Applied Sciences, Windisch
² Empa Dübendorf
³ National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, Tsukuba, Japan

Peer Reviewed Papers

B. Abulimiti¹, R. Zhu², J. Long¹, Y. Xu¹, Y. Liu, A.Y. Ghazal¹, M. Yang¹, B. Zhang
Study of ultrafast dynamics of 2-picoline by time-resolved photoelectron imaging
¹ Chinese Acad Sci, Wuhan Inst Phys & Math, Wuhan, Peoples R China
² Harbin Inst Technol Shenzhen, Shenzhen, Peoples R China

T.W. Adam¹, R. Chirico, M. Clairotte¹, M. Elsasser¹, U. Manfredi¹, G. Martini¹, M. Sklorz¹, T. Streibel¹,
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A.S.H. Prévôt, C. Astorga¹
Application of modern online instrumentation for chemical analysis of gas and particulate phases of exhaust
at the European Commission Heavy-Duty Vehicle Emission Laboratory
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Aerosol modelling in Europe with a focus on Switzerland during summer and winter episodes

I. Alxneit
Measuring temperatures in a high concentration solar simulator – Demonstration of the principle

F. Amato¹, M. Pandolfi¹, T. Moreno¹, M. Furger, J. Pey¹, A. Alastuey¹, N. Bukowiecki, A.S.H. Prévôt,
U. Baltensperger, X. Querol¹
Sources and variability of inhalable road dust particles in three European cities
¹ IDAEA-CSIC, Barcelona, Spain

F. Amato¹, M. Viana¹, A. Richard, M. Furger, A.S.H. Prévôt, S. Nava², F. Lucarelli², N. Bukowiecki,
A. Alastuey¹, C. Reche¹, T. Moreno¹, M. Pandolfi¹, J. Pey¹, X. Querol¹
Size and time-resolved roadside enrichment of atmospheric particulate pollutants
¹ IDAEA-CSIC, Barcelona, Spain
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E. Andrews¹, J.A. Ogren¹, P. Bonasoni¹, A. Marinoni¹, E. Cuevas¹, Rodríguez¹, J.Y. Sun¹, D.A. Jaffe¹,
E.V. Fischer¹, U. Baltensperger, E. Weingartner, M. Collaud¹, S. Sharma¹, A.M. Macdonald¹, W.R. Leaitch¹,
N.-H. Lin¹, P. Laï¹, T. Arsov¹, I. Kalapov¹, A. Jefferson¹, P. Sheridan¹
Climatology of aerosol radiative properties in the free troposphere
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A. Asmi\textsuperscript{1}, A. Wiedensohler\textsuperscript{1}, P. Laj\textsuperscript{1}, A.-M. Fjaeræa\textsuperscript{1}, K. Sellegr\textsuperscript{1}, W. Birmili\textsuperscript{1}, E. Weingartner, U. Baltensperger, V. Zdimal\textsuperscript{1}, N. Zikova\textsuperscript{1}, J.-P. Putaud\textsuperscript{1}, A. Marinoni\textsuperscript{1}, P. Tunved\textsuperscript{1}, H.-C. Hansson\textsuperscript{1}, M. Fiebig\textsuperscript{1}, N. Kivekäs\textsuperscript{1}, E. Asmi\textsuperscript{1}, V. Ulevicius\textsuperscript{1}, P.P. Aalto\textsuperscript{1}, E. Swietlicki\textsuperscript{1}, A. Kristensson\textsuperscript{1}, N. Mihalopoulos\textsuperscript{1}, N. Kalivitis\textsuperscript{1}, I. Kalapov\textsuperscript{1}, G. Kiss\textsuperscript{1}, G.d. Leeuw\textsuperscript{1}, B. Henzing\textsuperscript{1}, R.M. Harrison\textsuperscript{1}, D. Beddows\textsuperscript{1}, C. O’Dowd\textsuperscript{1}, S.G. Jennings\textsuperscript{1}, H. Flentje\textsuperscript{1}, K. Weinhold\textsuperscript{1}, F. Meinhardt\textsuperscript{1}, L. Ries\textsuperscript{1}, M. Kulmala\textsuperscript{1}

Number size distributions and seasonality of submicron particles in Europe 2008–2009

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R. Bader\textsuperscript{1}, A. Pedretti\textsuperscript{2}, A. Steinfeld

A 9m-aperture solar parabolic trough concentrator based on a multilayer polymer membrane mounted on a concrete structure

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\textsuperscript{2} A Burlatt Energy, Biasca

C. Baduel\textsuperscript{1}, M.E. Monge\textsuperscript{2}, D. Voisin\textsuperscript{1}, J.-L. Jaffrezo\textsuperscript{1}, C. George\textsuperscript{2}, I. El Haddad, N. Marchand\textsuperscript{3}, B. D’Anna\textsuperscript{2}

Oxidation of atmospheric humic like substances by ozone: A kinetic and structural analysis approach

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T. Baer\textsuperscript{1}, A. Guerrero\textsuperscript{1}, J.Z. Davalos\textsuperscript{1}, A. Bodi

Dissociation of energy selected Sn(CH\textsubscript{3})\textsubscript{4}\textsuperscript{+}, Sn(CH\textsubscript{3})\textsubscript{3}Cl\textsuperscript{+}, and Sn(CH\textsubscript{3})\textsubscript{3}Br\textsuperscript{+} ions: evidence for isolated excited state dynamics

\textsuperscript{1} CSIC, Inst Quim Fis Rocsolano, Madrid, Spain
\textsuperscript{2} University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA

S. Balog, U. Gasser, K. Mortensen\textsuperscript{1}, H. Ben youcef, L. Gubler, G.G. Scherer

Nano-scale morphology in graft copolymer proton-exchange membranes cross-linked with DIPB

\textsuperscript{1} University of Copenhagen, Denmark

I. Barmpadimos, C. Hueglin\textsuperscript{1}, J. Keller, S. Henne\textsuperscript{1}, A.S.H. Prévôt

Influence of meteorology on PM10 trends and variability in Switzerland from 1991 to 2008

\textsuperscript{1} Empa Dübendorf

I. Barmpadimos, M. Nufer, D.C. Oderbolz, J. Keller, S. Aksoyoglu, C. Hueglin\textsuperscript{1}, U. Baltensperger, A.S.H. Prévôt

The weekly cycle of ambient concentrations and traffic emissions of coarse (PM(10)-PM(2.5)) atmospheric particles

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R. Beghin\textsuperscript{1}, P. Cherubini\textsuperscript{2}, G. Battipaglia\textsuperscript{2}, R. Siegwolf, M. Saurer, G. Bovio\textsuperscript{1}

Tree-ring growth and stable isotopes\textsuperscript{13}C and \textsuperscript{15}N detect effects of wildfires on tree physiological processes in Pinus sylvestris L

\textsuperscript{1} University of Torino, Italy
\textsuperscript{2} WSL Birmensdorf

H. Ben youcef, L. Gubler, A. Foelske-Schmitz, G.G. Scherer

Improvment of homogeneity and interfacial properties of radiation grafted membranes for fuel cells using diisopropenylbenzene crosslinker

A.M. Bernhard, I. Czekaj, M. Elsener, A. Wokaun, O. Kröcher

Evaporation of urea at atmospheric pressure
J. Bernard, M. Hofer, U. Hannesen¹, A. Toth², A. Tsukada, F.N. Büchi, P. Dietrich
Fuel cell/battery passive hybrid power source for electric powertrains
¹ Belenos Clean Power AG, Biel
² Swatch Group, Biel

P. Bernardo, J. Dentzer¹, R. Gadiou¹, W. Märkle, D. Goers², P. Novák, M.E. Spahr², C. Vix-Guterl¹
Influence of graphite surface properties on the first electrochemical lithium intercalation
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² TIMCAL SA, Bodio

I. Bilecka¹, A. Hintennach, M.D. Rosseli¹, D. Xie³, P. Novák, M. Niederberger¹
Microwave-assisted solution synthesis of doped LiFePO₄ with high specific charge and outstanding cycling performance
¹ ETH Zürich

A. Bodi, W.R. Stevens¹, T. Baer¹
Understanding the complex dissociation dynamics of energy selected dichloroethylene ions: Neutral isomerization energies and heats of formation by imaging photoelectron-photoion coincidence
¹ University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA

S.W. Bond¹, T. Gül², S. Reimann¹, B. Buchmann¹, A. Wokaun
Emissions of anthropogenic hydrogen to the atmosphere during the potential transition to an increasing H₂-intensive economy
¹ Empa Dübendorf
² International Energy Agency IEA/OECD, Paris

Using ²H labeling with neutron radiography for the study of solid polymer electrolyte water transport properties

P. Bornhauser, Y. Sych, G. Knopp, T. Gerber, P.P.P. Radi
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S. Borkar¹, B. Sztaray¹, A. Bodi
Dissociative photoionization mechanism of methanol isotopologues (CH₃OH, CH₂OH, CH₃OD and CD₃OD) by iPEPICO: energetics, statistical and non-statistical kinetics and isotope effects
¹ University of the Pacific, Stockton, USA

S. Brandenberger, O. Kröcher, A. Tissler¹, R. Althoff¹
Effect of structural and preparation parameters on the activity and hydrothermal stability of metal-exchanged ZSM-5 in the selective catalytic reduction of NO by NH₃
¹ Süd-Chemie AG, München, Germany

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Hydrothermal deactivation of Fe-ZSM-5 catalysts for the selective catalytic reduction of NO with NH₃
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Electronic structure and oxygen vacancies in PdO and ZnO: validation of DFT models
N. Bukowiecki, P. Zieger, E. Weingartner, Z. Jurányi, M. Gysel, B. Neininger, B. Schneider, C. Hueglin,
A. Ulrich, A. Wichser, S. Henne, D. Brunner, R. Kaegi, M. Schwikowski, L. Tobler, F.G. Wienhold,
I. Engel, B. Buchmann, T. Peter, U. Baltensperger

Ground-based and airborne in-situ measurements of the Eyjafjallajökull volcanic aerosol plume in
Switzerland in spring 2010

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**THESES**

**Diploma / Master Theses**

M. Citerne
*Développement d’un humidificateur pour une micro pile à combustible*
PSI Villigen and Università di Corsica, France, September 2011.

S. Fritz\(^1\)
*Entwicklung eines Hydrolysekatalysators für die Zersetzung von Guanidiniumformiat*
PSI Villigen and Fachhochschule Frankfurt am Main, Germany, August 2011.

B. Gamarra
*Acclimation of net photosynthesis and growth under rapid temperature changes in Populous tremula sp.*
Department of Environmental Sciences (UWIS), ETH Zürich, September 2011.

E. Hammer
*Calculation and interpretation of cloud peak supersaturations at the Jungfraujoch*
Faculty of Science, University of Bern, März 2011.

C. Ketterer
*Investigation of the planetary boundary layer at the Kleine Scheidegg and at the Jungfraujoch using remote sensing and in-situ measurements*
Faculty of Science, University of Bern, December 2011.
T. Rosén  
*Determination of water saturation dependent gas transport properties of PEFC gas diffusion layers via the Lattice Boltzmann method*  
Kungliga Tekniska Högskolan (KTH), Stockholm, Sweden, May 2011.

O. Rueda  
*Filter performance control by dynamic pressure measurements for the process chain of a biomass-integrated gasification fuel cell system*  
PSI Villigen and ETH Zürich, December 2011.

F. Visconti  
*Detailed combustion fields of methane and air mixtures by a model reduction technique*  
PSI Villigen and Polytecnico di Torino, Italy, April 2011.

**Bachelor Theses**

M. Leoni  
*Determination of thermo-physical properties of CO₂ capture sorbent*  
PSI Villigen and ETH Zürich, July 2011.

F. Müller  
*Thermally-driven metal oxide cycles for inert gas recycling*  
PSI Villigen and ETH Zürich, July 2011.

D.-A. Tian  
*Vacuum distillation of silicon via carbothermal reduction of SiO₂ with concentrated solar energy*  
PSI Villigen and ETH Zürich, July 2011.

A. Siegrist  
*Validierung eines Codierungssystems zum Erfüllungsgrad von Funktionen im Technischen Innovationssystem von Elektrozweirädern*  
University of Bern, December 2011.

M. Weirich  
*Syngas production via a solar thermochemical cycle based on FeO/Fe₃O₄ redox reactions – Thermogravimeter analysis of the 2nd step*  
PSI Villigen and ETH Zürich, March 2011.

**Semester Theses**

Z. Künsch  
*PIV data processing of a turbulent premixed flame*  
PSI Villigen and ETH Zürich, December 2011.

G. Putzi  
*Analysis of chemical kinetics of the Mn₃O₄/MnO reduction reaction in high temperature / high-solar-radiation flux conditions*  
PSI Villigen and ETH Zürich, December 2011.

D. Weibel  
*Experimental investigation of a volumetric air receiver for concentrated solar power*  
PSI Villigen and ETH Zürich, December 2011.

M. Welte  
*Dopant effects on the reduction of cerium oxide for two-step thermochemical cycles for solar fuel production*  
PSI Villigen and ETH Zürich, June 2011.
TALKS / MEDIA

Invited Talks

I. Alxneit
*Temperature measurement in solar furnaces and solar simulators*
2nd SFERA Winter School (Solar Fuels & Materials), ETH Zürich, March 24-25, 2011.

U. Baltensperger
*Is there a link between galactic cosmic rays and clouds? The CLOUD experiment at CERN*
LTP Thursday colloquium, PSI Villigen, December 8, 2011.

U. Baltensperger
*Why do we measure aerosols at the Jungfraujoch?*
GAW-CH Conference, ETH Zürich, January 18-19, 2011.

U. Baltensperger
*Die Auswirkungen von Partikeln und gasförmigen Schadstoffen aus Verbrennungsmotoren*
DIESELvision 2011, Rapperswil, October 7, 2011.

U. Baltensperger
*Chemical analysis of atmospheric aerosols*
ANAKON 2011, Zürich, March 22-25, 2011.

U. Baltensperger
*Research on new particle formation at PSI and at CERN*
Windtunnel Opening Ceremony Empa Dübendorf, November 7, 2011.

U. Baltensperger
*Scavenging of atmospheric constituents by snow*
ISSI Extreme, Bern, August 20 - September 2, 2011.

U. Baltensperger
*The influence of cosmic rays on new particle formation and clouds*

U. Baltensperger
*Integration of surface, in-situ observations and satellite observations*

U. Baltensperger
*Is there a link between galactic cosmic rays and clouds? What we know and what we don't know yet after the first experiments at CERN*
Università degli Studi di Milano & National Institute of Nuclear Physics, Milano, Italy, October 25, 2011.

U. Baltensperger
*New particle formation in the atmosphere: Insights from the CLOUD experiment at CERN*
University of Bern, October 17, 2011.

U. Baltensperger, Z. Jurányi, E. Hammer, M. Gysel, N. Bukowiecki, E. Weingartner
*Cloud condensation nuclei concentrations and actual supersaturations in real clouds*
Goldschmidt Conference, Prague, Hungary, August 14-19, 2011.

S.M.A. Biollaz
*Biomethane development in Switzerland*

P. Boillat
*Application of neutron imaging in PEFC research*
220th ECS Meeting, Boston, USA, October 9-14, 2011.
F. N. Büchi
*Brennstoffzellen - Prinzip, Eigenschaften und Anwendungen*
Naturwissenschaften und Unterricht, Zürcher Hochschulinstitut für Lehrerbildung, ETH Zürich, March 26, 2011.

N. Bukowiecki
*Feinstaubimmissionen von Holzfeuerungen: Untersuchungen zum Verhalten der Schadstoffe in der Atmosphäre*
BAFU, Ittigen, November 9, 2011.

N. Bukowiecki
*Wie und warum man Feinstaub untersucht*
Kantonsschule Rychenberg, Winterthur, December 5, 2011.

M. Casapu
*Acidic zirconia mixed oxides as a promising alternative for urea-SCR catalysis*
3rd International Conference „Vehicle Emission Reduction Technologies“, Detroit, USA, April 19, 2011.

M. Casapu
*Acidic zirconia mixed oxides as a promising alternative for urea-SCR catalysis*
7th International CTI Conference SCR Systems, Stuttgart, Germany, July 5-6, 2011.

M. Casapu
*Automotive catalysis studied by XAS*
SLS Symposium X-ray spectroscopies of energy materials, PSI Villigen, March 2, 2011.

M. Chambon
*Solar thermochemical cycles based on the ZnO/Zn or SnO₂/SnO redox couples*
2nd SFERA Winter School (Solar Fuels & Materials), ETH Zürich, March 24-25, 2011.

I. Czekaj
*Modelling of catalytic systems used in energy and environmental technologies*
Schering Fellows Meeting, Berlin, Germany, May 12-14, 2011.

I. Czekaj
*Understanding mechanism of surface catalytic reactions: combination of theory and experiments*

P. Dietrich
*Wird Wasserstoff ein Rolle als Energieträger in der individuellen Mobilität spielen?*
Carbagas, Thun, May 13, 2011.

P. Dietrich
*Hydrogen as energy carrier for mobility (workshop W1-3)*

P. Dietrich
*Innovative Technologien in der Energiewirtschaft*
Euroforum Zürich, May 25, 2011.

P. Dietrich
*Biomassenumwandlung am Paul Scherrer Institut PSI*
Generalversammlung Schweizerische Studiengesellschaft für Motorschmierstoffe ssm, PSI Villigen, May 27, 2011.

P. Dietrich
*Welchen Anteil erlangen die Erneuerbaren im zukünftigen Energiesystem? – Potenziale der neuen erneuerbaren Energieträger*
Rohstoffe & Energiemärkte, CreditSuisse, Zürich, August 26, 2011.
P. Dietrich, F. Vogel, O. Kröcher, C. Ludwig
SunCHem – from liquid biomass to SNG or from inventions to a renewable energy carrier

P. Dietrich
Potenzial des Elektroantriebes im Strassenverkehr der Zukunft
Schweizerischer Energierat, Zürich, October 20, 2011.

P. Dietrich
Wasserstoffantriebe im Strassenverkehr der Zukunft
Schweizerischer Technischer Verein STV Sektion Aargau, Brugg, November 17, 2011.

H.P. Fehr, P. Dietrich, A. Huber
Wahl der besten Transportkette
Zukunft urbane Mobilität, Forum 3, Zürich, July 6, 2011.

A. Foelske-Schmitz
XPS studies of ionic liquids for electrochemical energy storage - closing the pressure gap in electrochemistry research
Mitarbeiterseminar, Lehrstuhl E19, Technische Physik, TU München, Munich, Germany, July 1, 2011.

T. Gerber
Synchrotron based spectroscopy for combustion research
International energy agency 33rd task leaders meeting on energy conservation and emissions reduction in combustion, Lund, Sweden, August 7-11, 2011.

L. Gubler
Polymerelektrolyt Brennstoffzellen: Entwicklungstand und materialwissenschaftliche Herausforderungen

M. Gysel
Cloud interactions and past records of atmospheric black carbon
Oberpfaffenhofen, Germany, December 12, 2011.

M. Gysel
A powerful tool for characterization of black carbon in atmospheric aerosols and ice cores
Grenoble, France, March 17, 2011.

C.R. Hoyle
Climate consequences of a regional nuclear conflict
PMOD/WRC Davos, September 9, 2011.

C.R. Hoyle
Ice nucleation properties of volcanic ash
WSL-Institut für Schnee- und Lawinenforschung SLF, Davos, November 23, 2011.

C. Hutter
Treibstoffe aus konzentrierter Sonnenenergie
– Volkshochschule Bad Zurzach, December 1, 2011.

C. Hutter
Benzin aus Wasser, CO2 und Sonnenlicht
F. Hoffmann-La Roche AG Engineering Platform, December 1, 2011.

P. Jansohn
Stromerzeugung mit Gaskraftwerken – zu welchem Preis?
Gaskraftwerke mit ihren Pros and Cons aus wissenschaftlicher Sicht

P. Jansohn
Gas Turbine: construction and technology
Gastvorlesung, Poznan University of Technology, Poland, October 18-19, 2011.
R. Kötz
How to increase specific energy of electrochemical capacitors
2nd European Advanced Automotive Battery Conference, Mainz, Germany, June 6-10, 2011.

R. Kötz
Carbon nanomaterials for electrochemical capacitors

R. Kötz
Roads to high energy electrochemical capacitors
62nd ISE Annual Meeting of the ISE, Niigata, Japan, September 11-16, 2011.

R. Kötz
Potential and limits of electrochemical double layer capacitors
GDCh Wissenschaftsforum, Bremen, Germany, September 4-7, 2011.

R. Kötz
Batterietechnologie – Bewertung im Licht von drei Fragen: Reichweite, Kosten, Umweltverträglichkeit

O. Kröcher
Selective catalytic reduction of NOx with NH3 over soot
FVV-Workshop, Frankfurt, Germany, September 16, 2011.

O. Kröcher
A niobia-ceria based multi-purpose catalyst for selective catalytic reduction of NOx, urea hydrolysis and soot oxidation in diesel exhaust
1st Swiss Heterogeneous Catalysis Meeting, Grindelwald, June 16-17, 2011.

O. Kröcher
Vanadium-based SCR catalysts

Y. Lin
Combustion properties of hydrogen-rich fuel gases at gas turbine relevant conditions
Verbrennungsforschung in der Schweiz, ETH Zürich, October 28, 2011.

T. Lippert
Laser ablation studied by energy resolved mass spectrometry and time/space resolved emission spectroscopy
European Winter Conference on Plasma Spectrochemistry, Zaragoza, Spain, January 2011.

T. Lippert
Thin oxide films applied as model systems for energy applications
MRS Spring meeting, San Francisco, USA, April 2011.

T. Lippert
UV laser ablation of polymers: from fundamentals to applications
Opening of the Laser Center at Empa Thun, April 2011.

T. Lippert
Design of polymers for laser structuring
Laboratory LP3, University of Marseille, France, April 2011.

T. Lippert
Laser Interaction with Materials: From Structuring to Thin Film Deposition
Photonics Ireland 2011, Dublin, Ireland, September 2011.

T. Lippert
Thin oxide films applied as models systems for energy applications
Conference on Materials and Renewable Energies (EMCMRE-1), Marrakesch, Marocco, November 2011.
J. Mantzaras
Laser diagnostics near reacting interfaces: recent accomplishments, challenges and future trends

A. Meier
The Zn-based thermochemical cycle for splitting H2O and CO2
2nd SFERA Winter School (Solar Fuels & Materials), ETH Zürich, March 24-25, 2011.

A. Meier
Trends in solar chemistry

M. Nachtegaal
From modulation to oscillation: Identifying structural changes in catalysts with sub-second XAS
– Brookhaven National Laboratory, Shirley, USA, April 11, 2011.
– Joint IOP-PSI workshop, Beijing, China, October 20-21, 2011.

M. Nachtegaal
SuperXAS beamline
– Directorate National Synchrotron Light Source II, Shirley, USA, April 11, 2011.
– Shanghai Synchrotron Radiation Facility, Shanghai, China, October 24, 2011.

P. Novák
Oxygen, nano & Co.: Future or buzzwords of lithium batteries?
Seminar at Toyota Central R&D Labs., Inc., Nagoya, Japan, September 19, 2011.

P. Novák
Re-visiting the SEI: Everything is much more complex than believed in the past
62nd ISE Annual Meeting, Niigata, Japan, September 12, 2011.

P. Novák
Was kommt nach der Lithiumionen-Batterie?
Universität Münster, Münster, Germany, September 6, 2011.

P. Novák
State-of-the-Art der Lithium-Ion Technologie
5. DFG Statusmeeting, Münster, Germany, September 5, 2011.

P. Novák
Nanomaterials for battery electrodes: The characterization challenge

P. Novák
Li-S and Li-Air systems: The characterization challenge
Symposium “Beyond Lithium IV”, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, USA, June 9, 2011.

P. Novák
Battery research: A wedding of surface electrochemistry with solid state electrochemistry

T. Peter1, C.R. Hoyle, A. Stenke1, E. Rozanov2
Climate consequences of a regional nuclear conflict
Glion, September 26, 2011.
1 ETH Zürich
2 PMOD/WRC Davos

N. I. Prasianakis
Development of advanced lattice Boltzmann algorithms for the modeling of processes in power generation systems
Institute of Mechanics, Materials and Civil Engineering (iMMC), Universite Catholique Louvain (UC-Louvain), Belgium, May 13, 2011.
A.S.H. Prévôt
Quellen von Feinstaub. Bedeutung von Holzfeuerungen

A.S.H. Prévôt
Latest findings of PSI on secondary organic aerosols
Carnegie Mellon University seminar, Pittsburgh, USA, October 10, 2011.

P.P. Radi
Shedding light on dark states
Université de Strasbourg, France, December 8, 2011.

G.G. Scherer
Degradation of solid polymer electrolytes in electrochemical cells - some considerations

G.G. Scherer
Some aspects of aging, degradation, and failure modes in polymer electrolyte fuel cells

G.G. Scherer
General introduction to fuel cells
Joint ICTP-IAEA Advanced School on the Role of Nuclear Technology in Hydrogen-Based Energy Systems, Trieste, Italy, June 17, 2011.

G.G. Scherer
Neutron imaging of liquid water in polymer electrolyte fuel cells
Joint ICTP-IAEA Advanced School on the Role of Nuclear Technology in Hydrogen-Based Energy Systems, Trieste, Italy, June 17, 2011.

G.G. Scherer
Proton-conducting membranes as solid electrolytes prepared by radiation grafting
Joint ICTP-IAEA Advanced School on the Role of Nuclear Technology in Hydrogen-Based Energy Systems, Trieste, Italy, June 17, 2011.

G.G. Scherer
Part 1: Introduction to fuel cells
Part 2: Types of fuel cells
Part 3: PEFC applications

G.G. Scherer
Protonen-leitende polymere Festelektrolyte für Brennstoffzellen
Leibnitz-Institut für Oberflächenmodifizierung e.V., Leipzig, Germany, July 7, 2011.

G.G. Scherer
The Electrochemistry Laboratory of Paul Scherrer Institut
Yamanashi University, Kofu, Japan, September 8, 2011.

G.G. Scherer
Water management of polymer electrolyte fuel cells studied by neutron imaging

G.G. Scherer
Polymer electrolyte fuel cells materials research aspects studied at Paul Scherrer Institut

G.G. Scherer
Aspects of electromobility – today and tomorrow
Nissan Research Center, Nissan Motor Co. Ltd., Kanagawa, Japan, September 17, 2011.
G.G. Scherer
Fuel cell technology for automotive applications
Chemistry Department, University of Fribourg, October 11, 2011.

G.G. Scherer
Individual electromobility based on electrochemical devices – an overview
Centre for Bioprocess Engineering Research, University of Cape Town, South Africa, November 18, 2011.

G.G. Scherer
Fundamentals and some practical aspects of electrocatalysis for energy conversion and storage processes

G.G. Scherer
Nanostructures in polymer electrolyte fuel cells
Winterschool “Nanomaterials for Energy Applications”, University Duisburg, Germany, December 9, 2011.

T.J. Schmidt
Durability and diagnostics of membrane electrode assemblies: Can lifetime be predicted?
ETH Zürich, Februar 22, 2011.

T.J. Schmidt
Electrocatalysis for electrochemical energy conversion
1st CEA-ETH Zürich Workshop, June 8, 2011.

T.J. Schmidt
Catalyst research for polymer electrolyte fuel cells
Institute of Electrochemistry, University of Ulm, Germany, July 14, 2011.

T.J. Schmidt
Electrocatalysts for polymer electrolyte fuel cells: From fundamentals to applications
Departement of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Bern, November 10, 2011.

C.W. Schneider, T. Lippert, P. Delaporte
Laser Induced Forward Transfer of Functional Materials: the European eLIFT Project
12th International Symposium on Laser Precision Microfabrication, Takamatsu, Japan, June 2011.

G. Siddiqi¹, P. Jansohn
The Swiss Federal Office of Energy – contributing to solutions for a lower greenhouse gas future
Innovation Days, Sulzer Chemtech Ltd. Schlieren, January 20, 2011.
¹ BFE Bern

O.V. Sidorova, R. Siegwolf, M. Saurer, V.S. Myglan¹, T. Boettger², A.V. Kirdyanov², M.V. Brukhanova³, M.M. Naurzbaev³, E.A. Vaganov¹, M.K. Hughes³
Response of trees from high-latitude and high-altitude regions to extreme events during the last 1500 years
¹ Siberian Federal University, Russia
² UFZ Leipzig/Halle, Germany
³ V.N.Sukachev Institute of Forest, Russia
⁴ University of Arizona, Tucson, USA

R. Siegwolf
Stable isotopes in tree rings – beyond climate reconstruction: An ecophysiological point of view
Bayreuther Zentrum für Ökologie und Umweltforschung, Universität Bayreuth, Germany, May 12, 2011.

R. Siegwolf
Tree rings as a multi-proxy archive for environmental changes
University of Helsinki, Finland, March 31, 2011.

R. Siegwolf
Multi-isotope approaches to study ecological and plant–atmosphere interactions
Central European Meeting for Isotope Users, Thermo Scientific, Bremen, Germany, June 27-28, 2011.
R. Siegwolf
Tree rings, an archive for environmental changes beyond climate reconstruction
Max Plank Institut für Biogeochemistry, Jena, Germany, March 16-18, 2011.

A. Steinfeld
Liquid fuels from water, CO2, and solar energy
– IMDEA Energy, Madrid, Spain, April 4, 2011.
– The University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, July 20, 2011.

A. Steinfeld
Concentrated solar energy for high-temperature applications
Keynote, Arica, Chile, June 24, 2011.

A. Steinfeld
Fuels from sunlight, water, and CO2 via thermochemical processes

A. Steinfeld
Solar thermochemical processes for the extractive metallurgical industry
Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne, Australia, July 18, 2011.

J. Szlachetko
Application of wavelength-dispersive spectroscopy for micro-fluorescence analysis
Breaking Frontiers: Submicron Structures in Physics and Biology
XLIV Zakopane School of Physics, Zakopane, Poland, May 16-21, 2011.

S. Ulli-Beer, B. Boksberger
Einsatzpotenzial effizienter Firmen-Autos: Ergebnisse der Schweizer Flottenmanagerumfrage 2011

S. Ulli-Beer, B. Boksberger
Schweizer Flottenmanagerumfrage 2011
BAFU Workshop Flottenmanager, Ittigen, August 22, 2011.

S. Ulli-Beer
Understanding Induced (Energy) Technology Change From A Feedback Perspective: How Does Integrative Innovation System Modeling Inform the Multi Level Perspective MLP?
Swiss Chapter of the System Dynamics Society, Zürich, May 2, 2011.

E. Weingartner
Measurements of aerosols and clouds at the High Alpine site Jungfraujoch (3580 m asl, Switzerland)
Institute for Meteorology and Climate Research, KIT, Karlsruhe, Germany, May 10, 2011.

Aerosol-cloud interactions
GAW-CH Conference ETH Zürich, January 18-19, 2011.
1 Laboratoire de Glaciologie et Géophysique de l'Environnement, St Martin d'Hères Cedex, France
2 Energy research Centre of the Netherlands, Petten, The Netherlands

C. Wieckert
Konzentrierte Sonnenenergie – Optionen für die zukünftige Energieversorgung
Rotary Club Baden, January 11, 2011.

C. Wieckert
Solar carbothermic production of zinc
2nd SFERA Winter School (Solar Fuels & Materials), ETH Zürich, March 24-25, 2011.
A. Wokaun

*Nano Applications in the Field of Future Energy*

A. Wokaun

*Die Vision nachhaltiger Energieversorgungssysteme im globalen Kontext: Was dürfen wir vom technischen Fortschritt 2030 erwarten?*
Paulus Akademie, Zunfthaus zur Waag, Zürich, October 27, 2011.

A. Wokaun

*Energiespeicherung aus Sonnenenergie*

A. Wokaun

*Die Zukunft der Fahrzeugtechnologie – Antriebssysteme, erneuerbare Treibstoffe und die Position von Elektroautos*

P. Zieger

*Effects of relative humidity on aerosol light scattering*
9th Swiss Geoscience Meeting, Zürich, November 12, 2011.

**Other Talks**

E.M. Alayon, M. Nachtegaal, E. Kleymenov, J.A. van Bokhoven

*Methane to methanol conversion on Cu-MOR*
1st Swiss Heterogeneous Catalysis Meeting, Grindelwald, June 16-17, 2011.

E.M. Alayon, M. Nachtegaal, E. Kleymenov, J.A. van Bokhoven

*Probing the active site during methane conversion over Cu-MOR with X-ray absorption spectroscopy*
5th International FEZA Conference, Valencia, Spain, July 3-7, 2011.

E.M. Alayon, M. Nachtegaal, E. Kleymenov, J.A. van Bokhoven

*Probing the active site during methane conversion over Cu-MOR with X-ray absorption spectroscopy*
Joint Users’ Meeting at PSI, PSI Villigen, September 15-16, 2011.

S. Aksoyoglu

*Sensitivity of ozone and aerosols to precursor emissions in Europe*
The 14th International Conference on Harmonization Within Atmospheric Dispersion Modelling for Regulatory Purposes, HARMO, Kos, Greece, October 3, 2011.


*Air quality modeling and source apportionment studies for aerosols in Switzerland*
ACCENT/GLOREAM Workshop on Tropospheric Chemical Transport Modelling, Copenhagen, Denmark, January 26-28, 2011.

I. Alxneit, G. Dibowski

*Spectral characterization of solar simulators*

1 DLR, Köln, Germany


*Discrimination of secondary organic aerosol from different sources*
EAC, Manchester, UK, September 4-9, 2011.

M. Bator, Y. Hu, M. Kenzelmann, H. Luetkens, C. Niedermayer, C.W. Schneider, J. Stahn, T. Lippert, J. White, A. Wokaun

*Preparation, and structural and magnetic characterization of multiferroic o-TbMnO₃ and o-LuMnO₃ thin films*
J. Bernard, M. Hofer, U. Hannesen\footnote{1}, A. Toth\footnote{2}, A. Tsukada, F.N. Büchi, P. Dietrich
\textit{Direct electrical coupling of fuel cell and battery for electric powertrains}
International Advanced Mobility Forum (IAMF), Geneva, March 8-9, 2011.
\footnote{1} Belenos Clean Power Holding, Biel
\footnote{2} Swatch Group, Biel

S.M.A. Biollaz
\textit{Future needs on biomass gasification and gas cleaning for SNG production for optimizing the whole value Chain from biomass to SNG sulfur}

P. Bleith, V. Godbole, C. Viellevieille, P. Novák
\textit{M_{0.5}TiOPO_{4} as high specific charge battery material}
LAC Christmas Symposium, ETH Zürich, December 21, 2011.

\textit{Assessing the effect of liquid water on PEFC performance by the combined use of transient helox operation and neutron imaging}
8th Symposium on Fuel Cell Modeling and Experimental Validation (MODVAL8), Bonn, Germany, March 8-9, 2011.

C.N. Borca, A. Udry, A. Idhil, N. Zema\footnote{1}, S. Turchini\footnote{1}, D. Catone\footnote{1}, A. Foelske, D. Grolimund, M. Samaras\footnote{2}
\textit{The influence of Cr-composition on the local magnetic structure of FeCr alloys}
E-MRS ICAM IUMRS 2011 Spring Meeting, Nice, France, May 9-13, 2011.
\footnote{1} CNR, Roma, Italy
\footnote{2} University of Applied Science, Rapperswil

F.N. Büchi, J. Eller, J. Roth, F. Marone, M. Stampanoni\footnote{1}, A. Wokaun
\textit{Progress in in-situ x-ray tomography of in PEFC}
8th Symposium on Fuel Cell Modelling and Experimental Validation (MODVAL 8), Bonn, Germany, March 8-9, 2011.
\footnote{1} Institute for Biomedical Engineering, University and ETH Zürich

F.N. Büchi, J. Bernard, M. Hofer, U. Hannesen\footnote{1}
\textit{H_{2}/O_{2} fuel cell system for automotive application}
\footnote{1} Belenos Clean Power Holding, Biel

F.N. Büchi, J. Eller, J. Roth, F. Marone, M. Stampanoni\footnote{1}, A. Wokaun
\textit{Towards ultra-fast x-ray tomographic microscopy of liquid water in PEFC}
220th ECS Meeting, Boston, MA, USA, October 9-14, 2011.
\footnote{1} Institute for Biomedical Engineering, University and ETH Zürich

N. Bukowiecki, E. Andrews\footnote{1}
\textit{Climatology of Aerosol Radiative Properties in the Free Troposphere}
International Symposium Climate Change in High Mountain Regions, Zentralanstalt für Meteorologie und Geodynamik, Salzburg, Austria, August 28 - September 1, 2011.
\footnote{1} external member of the AeroRadProp team

\textit{Long-term aerosol measurements at the high altitude research station Jungfraujoch (Switzerland)}
International Symposium Climate Change in High Mountain Regions, Zentralanstalt für Meteorologie und Geodynamik, Salzburg, Austria, August 28 - September 1, 2011.

N. Bukowiecki, P. Zieger, E. Weingartner, Z. Jurányi, M. Gysel, B. Neininger\footnote{1}, B. Schneider\footnote{1}, C. Hueglin\footnote{1}, A. Ulrich\footnote{1}, A. Wichsler\footnote{1}, S. Henne\footnote{1}, D. Brunner\footnote{1}, R. Kaegi\footnote{1}, M. Schwikowski, L. Tobler, F.G. Wienhold\footnote{1}, I. Engel\footnote{1}, B. Buchmann\footnote{1}, T. Peter\footnote{1}, U. Baltensperger
\textit{Ground-based and airborne in-situ measurements of the Eyjafjallajökull volcanic aerosol plume in Switzerland in April and May 2010}
\footnote{1} external member of the Swiss Eyja in-situ team
N. Bukowiecki, P. Zieger, E. Hammer, Z. Jurányi, M. Gysel, E. Weingartner, J. Spiegel\textsuperscript{1}, W. Eugster\textsuperscript{1}, U. Baltensperger

On the activation and ambient peak supersaturation of CCNs at Jungfraujoch, Switzerland (3580 m asl): Results from the CLACE 2010 campaign

EAC, Manchester, UK, September 4-9, 2011.

\textsuperscript{1} ETH Zürich


Long-term on-line measurement of non-refractory submicron aerosol in the city of Zurich

EAC, Manchester, UK, September 4-9, 2011.

M. Collaud, E. Weingartner, C. Ketterer, O. Maier, S. Frey, P. Zieger, N. Bukowiecki, U. Baltensperger

Planetary boundary layer influence at the Jungfraujoch: In-situ and remote sensing measurements

EAC, Manchester, UK, September 4-9, 2011.


Contributions from woodburning: Mobile and stationary measurements of PM1 chemical composition at various sites across Europe

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*Femtosecond laser-induced CDW melting in TiSe2*
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W. Wagner, H. Heyck, D. Kiselev, K. Thomsen, M. Wohlmuther, L. Zanini
*PSI Experience with High-Power Target Design and Operation*
Int. Workshop on Technology and Components of Accelerator Driven Systems

C. Wouters, V. Vranković, S. Sidorov, R. Deckardt, P. Chevtsov, R. Widmer, M. Calvi, A. Gabard, S. Sanfilippo
*Experiences with the Single Stretched Vibrating Wire Test-Stand at PSI*
17th Int. Magnetic Measurements Workshop, La Mola, Terrassa-Barcelona, Spain (2011)

E. Zimoch
*EPICS for Beginners*
EPICS Collaboration Meeting Fall 2011, PSI, Villigen, Switzerland (2011)

E. Zimoch, A. Luedeka
*Purpose and Benefit of Control System Training for Operators*

**INVITED TALKS**

A. Adelmann
*Precise Beam Dynamics Simulations of Large and Complicated Accelerator Structures*, Triumf, Vancouver Canada
23 February 2011

A. Adelmann
*Precise Beam Dynamics Simulations: from High Power Cyclotron to (X)FEL Modeling*
CBP LBL Berkley USA
9 March 2011

A. Adelmann
*Precise Beam Dynamics Simulations: from High Power Cyclotron to XFEL Modeling*
CIAE, Beijing China
22 May 2011

A. Adelmann
*Precise Beam Dynamics Simulations: from High Power Cyclotron to XFEL Modeling*
Tsinghua, Beijing China
25 May 2011

A. Adelmann
*OPAL a versatile Parallel Tool for Precise 3D Beam Dynamics Studies including Collective Effects*
RAL, United Kingdom
12 July 2011
A. Adelmann
*Angewandte Mathematik im Spannungsfeld der Teilchenbeschleuniger-Physik & dem Hochleistungsrechnen*, Alte Kantonsschule Aarau, Switzerland
4 August 2011

A. Adelmann
*OPAL - A Next Generation Accelerator Modeling Tool*
ERL 2011, Tsukuba, Japan
20 October 2011

A. Adelmann
*H2+ and SRC versus H for the DAEΔALUS Project*
Eloisatron Workshop, Erice Italy
30 November 2011

A. Adelmann
*Space Charge Studies of a H2+ SRC for the DAEΔALUS Project*
Eloisatron Workshop, Erice Italy
30 November 2011

A. Adelmann
*Space Charge Studies of a Proton Ring Cyclotron for the DAEΔALUS Project*
Eloisatron Workshop, Erice Italy
30 November 2011

M. Böge
*Top-Up Operation at the SLS*
Top-Up Workshop, POSTECH, Pohang, Korea
10 November 2011

H.H. Braun
*SwissFEL, the Hard X-Ray Free Electron Laser at PSI*
24th International Vacuum Nanoelectronics Conference
University of Wuppertal, Germany
19 July 2011

R. Dölling
*Aktuelle Anforderungen an Vielteilchen-Strahlsimulationen aus Sicht des Betriebs des PSI-Hochstrom-Protonenbeschleunigers*
Institut für Allgemeine Elektrotechnik, Universität Rostock, Germany
29 September 2011

R. Ganter
*High Brightness Gun Development for SwissFEL*
Ultra-Bright Electron Source Workshop, Cockroft Institute, Daresbury Science and Innovation Campus, UK
29 June 2011
C.P. Hauri
*Latest Developments for Photoinjector, Seeding and High-Power THz Laser Systems*
Int. Free Electron Laser Conference, Shanghai, China
21-26 August 2011

D. Kiselev
*Charakterisierung von Beschleunigerabfällen, Entsorgung und Freigabe*
16. Strahlenschutzseminar, Dresden, Germany
24 March 2011

A. Lüdeke
*Cognitive Ergonomics of Operational Tools*
ICALPACS 2011, Grenoble, France
14 October 2011

C.J. Milne
*Ultrafast time-resolved x-ray absorption spectroscopy: Watching atoms dance*
Physical Chemistry Seminar, University of Basel, Basel, Switzerland
19 January 2011

C.J. Milne
*High repetition rate ultrafast time-resolved x-ray absorption spectroscopy*
XFEL seminar, European XFEL, Hamburg, Germany
1 July 2011

C.J. Milne
*High repetition rate ultrafast time-resolved x-ray absorption spectroscopy*
International Conference on Chemical Kinetics, Boston, MA, USA
10-14 July 2011

C.J. Milne
*High repetition rate ultrafast time-resolved x-ray absorption spectroscopy*
Advanced Photon Source, Argonne National Laboratory, IL, USA
15 July 2011

B. Oswald
*The 3-Dimensional Frequency Domain Discontinuous Galerkin Method - With an Emphasis on Nano-Optics*
7th Workshop on Numerical Methods for Optical Nano Structures, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland
4 - 5 July 2011

M. Paraliev
*Tesla Transformer based 500 kV Pulser for Low Emittance Teststand at Paul Scherrer Institut*
Pulsed Power Symposium 2011, Loughborough, UK
20 September 2011

S. Reiche
*Numerical Methods in FEL Simulations*
FEL Prize Winner talk
FEL Conference 2011, Shanghai, China
22 August 2011
S. Reiche
Expected Performances of Seeded FELs
Workshop: New Science Opportunities at FLASH
DESY, Hamburg, Germany
12 October 2011

S. Reiche
SwissFEL - Design Strategies for a Compact X-ray FEL Facility
TAC-SR Workshop, Istanbul, Turkey
4 July 2011

T. Schilcher
First Results of the SwissFEL Injector Test Facility LLRF System
LLRF11, Hamburg, Germany
19 October 2011

J.M. Schippers
Emerging technologies in particle therapy
ACTA/NACP Symposium on particle therapy, Uppsala, Sweden
13-15 April 2011

J.M. Schippers
Compact Electromagnetic Accelerators and Beam Deliveries for Proton and Ion Therapy
ESTRO Anniversary Conference, London, United Kingdom
8-12 May 2011

J.M. Schippers
High Precision Radiotherapy with Protons; Techniques and Dosimetry
Dosimetry Symposium at the Netherlands Metrology Lab VSL, Delft, the Netherlands
8 December 2011

M. Seidel
The PSI High Intensity Proton Accelerator
Institute for Atomic Energy, Beijing, China
26 September 2011

A. Streun
Laser Beam Slicing
CELLS-ALBA, Cerdanyola del Vallès, Barcelona, Spain
29 June 2011

WORKSHOPS (organized by GFA or SwissFEL)

B. Keil
Organizer
European XFEL BPM & Beam Stability Collaboration Workshop
PSI, Villigen, Switzerland, 29-30 March 2011

B. Patterson, M. van Daalen, B. Pedrini, S. Steinbrückner, R. Abela
Organizers
SwissFEL Workshop on Spectroscopic Experiments
University of Berne, Switzerland, 12 September 2011

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B. Patterson, M. van Daalen, B. Pedrini, S. Steinbrückner, R. Abela
Organizers
SwissFEL Workshop on Scattering and Diffraction Experiments
University of Berne, Switzerland, 21 November 2011

D. Zimoch, B. Ajmo
Organizers
EPICS Collaboration Meeting Fall 2011
PSI, Villigen, Switzerland, 3-7 October 2011

MASTER THESES

X. Buffat
Betatron Squeeze Optimisation at the Large Hadron Collider based on First Year of Operation Data
Master Thesis, EPFL Lausanne, Switzerland, January 2011
Thesis Advisors: Prof. Dr. L. Rivkin (EPFL, PSI)
Dr. S. Redaelli (CERN)

D. Egger
Diagnostics at MAX-Lab with Incoherent Synchrotron Radiation
Master Thesis, EPFL Lausanne, Switzerland, January 2011
Thesis Advisors: Prof. Dr. L. Rivkin (EPFL, PSI)
Dr. Å. Andersson (MAX-Lab)

A. Slavinskiss
Optimization of SINQ (Swiss Spallation Neutron Source) Target Cooling; Development of Measurement System for Thermohydraulic and Structural-Mechanical Experiments
Master Thesis; Ventspils University Ventspils, Latvia, June 2011
Thesis advisors: Prof. Dr. N. Jekabsons (Ventspils University)
Dr. R. Milenković (PSI)
Dr. S. Dementjevs (PSI)

M. Toggweiler
An adaptive Time Integration Method for more Efficient Simulation of Particle Accelerators
Master Thesis, ETH Zurich, Switzerland, October 2011
Thesis Advisors: Prof. Dr. P. Arbenz (ETHZ)
Dr. A. Adelmann (PSI)
DISSERTATIONS

A. Garonna
_Cyclotron Designs for Ion Beam Therapy with Cyclinacs_
EPFL 2011 / Thesis No. 5156
Thesis advisors: Prof. Dr. L. Rivkin (EPFL, PSI)
Prof. Dr. U. Amaldi (TERA Foundation)

F. A. Lima
_Investigation of Physiological Solutions of Metalloproteins in a High-Repetition Rate Picosecond X-ray Absorption Experiment_
EPFL 2011 / Thesis No. 5249
Thesis advisors: Prof. Dr. M. Chergui (EPFL)
Dr. R. Abela (PSI)

O. Mete
_Study and Experimental Characterization of a Novel Photo Injector for the CLIC Drive Beam_
EPFL 2011 / Thesis No. 5020
Thesis advisors: Prof. Dr. L. Rivkin (EPFL, PSI)
Dr. S. Döbert (CERN)

F.L. Müller
_Electro-Optical Bunch Length Measurements at the Swiss Light Source_
University of Berne, Institute of Applied Physics, Thesis No. 3600
Thesis Advisors: Prof. Dr. T. Feurer (IAP, University of Berne)
Dr. V. Schlott (PSI)

Memberships in external Committees

R. Abela
- European XFEL, Science Advisory Committee
- Canadian Light Source, Science Advisory Committee
- ESRF, Science Advisory Committee, chairman
- EuroFEL, Member of Director’s Board
- Linac Coherent Light Source, Science Advisory Committee
- MAX IV, Science Advisory Committee

A. Adelmann
- Speedup Society (treasury)
- CSCS "Rosa (Horizon) Project" Steering Committee
- Program Committee ICFA High Brightness Beam Dynamics Workshop
- International Super Computing Conference (ISC), Program Committee

M. Boege
- Machine Advisory Committee Taiwan Photon Source (TPS), NSRRC, Taiwan
- Design Review Committee Pohang Light Source (PLS-II), POSTECH, Pohang, Korea
H.H. Braun
- DESY, Germany, Machine Advisory Committee
- European XFEL, Germany, Machine Advisory Committee
- ELETTRA, Italy, Machine Advisory Committee
- CERN, CLIC CDR Value estimate review committee
- Int. FEL conf. SPC (2011&2012)
- IPAC OC & SPC
- Board of the European Physical Society Accelerator Group, elected member

P. Chevtsov
- Member of the International Program Committee of the PCaPAC (Personal Computers and Particle Accelerator Controls) International Workshop

R. Dölling
- LIPAc HEBT Line and Beam Dump Detailed Design Review, Committee Member

T. Garvey
- European Committee for Future Accelerators (plenary)
- Scientific and Technical Committee for the Accelerator, Cryogenic and Magnet Department of CEA-Saclay
- European X-FEL Accelerator Consortium Board
- CLIC/CTF3 Collaboration Board
- EuCARD Governing Board
- Program and organizing committees of the International Linear Accelerator Conference
- ECFA Review Panel for Future Accelerator Based Neutrino Facilities

C. Hauri
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L. Rivkin
- CERN Scientific Policy Committee
- MAXIV Machine Advisory Committee (Chairman)
- CERN Accelerator School, Advisory Committee
- CERN, CLIC CTF3 Collaboration Board
- Joint Universities Accelerator School, Program Committee
- TIARA Governing Board, Chairman

S. Sanfilippo
- International Magnetic Measurement Workshop, International Advisory Committee

M. Seidel
- Int. Particle Accelerator Conference (IPAC) Advisory Committee, Member of the Board of the European Physical Society Accelerator Group
- Int. Conferences on Cyclotrons and their Applications: Int. Organizing Committee and Program Committee
- Accelerator Technology Advisory Committee for the Chinese Neutron Spallation Source (CSNS)
- ICFA Workshops on High Brightness, High Intensity Hadron Beams, Scientific Advisory Committee
- European Cyclotron Progress Meetings, Scientific Advisory Committee
- Swiss Vacuum Society, Member of Managing Board
- LHC Collimation Review, June 14-15 2011, chair of review committee
J.M. Schippers
- TRIUMF Accelerator Advisory Committee, Vancouver BC, Canada.
- Board Member of the Groningen proton therapy Center, Univ. Medical Center, Groningen, Netherlands
- Chairman of subcommittee “particle dosimetry” of the Netherlands Commission on Radiation Dosimetry

V. Schlott
- ALBA Spanish Light Source, Machine Advisory Committee, Bellaterra, Spain
- ANKA Machine Advisory Committee, KIT, Karlsruhe, Germany
- DIPAC Scientific Program Committee
- In Kind Review Committee for the European XFEL (Vice-Chairman)
LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Jaeggi, M., Roellin, S., J. Alvarado-Cortez and Eikenberg, J.  
*Determination of $^{241}$Pu in nuclear waste slurries: a comparative study using LSC and ICP-MS.*  

*Gas production in the MEGAPIE spallation target.*  

Caresana, M., Ferrarini, M., Fuerstner, M. Mayer, S.  
*Determination of LET in PADC detectors through the measurement of track parameters.* Nuclear Inst. and Methods in Physics Research A, 2011.

Fiechtner-Scharrer, A., Mayer, S., Boschung, M. and Whitelaw, A.  
*Influence of variation of etching conditions on the sensitivity of PADC detectors with a new evaluation method.*  

Goetti, R., Leschka, S., Boschung, M., Mayer, S., Wyss, C., Stolzmann, P., Frauenfelder, T.,  
*Radiation doses from phantom measurements at high-pitch dual-source computed tomography coronary angiography.*  

Hälg, R., Besserer, J., Boschung, M., Mayer, S., Clasie, B., Kry, S., Scheider, U.  
*Field calibration of PADC track etch detectors for local neutron dosimetry in man using different radiation qualities.*  

Hoeldmoser, H., Schuler, Ch., Butterweck, G., Mayer, S.  

Hohmann, E., Safai, S., Bula, Ch., Lüscher, R., Harm, C., Mayer, S., Morath, O., Pedroni, E., Zenklusen, S.  
*Investigation of the neutron stray field produced by irradiating a water phantom with 200 MeV protons.*  

Zhang, G., Becker, F., Urban, M., Xuan, Y., Fürstner, M., Mayer, S.  
*Simulating the angular response of makrofol as a detector for neutron induced recoils.*  

Butterweck, G., Schuler, Ch., Mayer, S.  
*Die Vergleichsmessung 2010 für Radongasmessmittel am PSI.*  
PSI-Bericht Nr. 11-01, ISSN 1019-0643, Januar 2011.
Aste A., Gysin A.¹, Rast S.², Thanassis S.³, Wehrle C.¹, Meyer E.¹
“Magnetic properties of nanomagnetic and biomagnetic systems analyzed using cantilever magnetometry”
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UNIVERSITY LEVEL TEACHING

Aste A.
“Symmetrien und Felder”, Vorlesung an der Universität Basel: 26989-01, Frühjahrssemester FS 2011

Aste A.
“Übung: Symmetrien und Felder”
Vorlesung an der Universität Basel: 26988-01, Frühjahrssemester FS 2011

Aste A.
“Relativistische Quantenfeldtheorie”
Vorlesung an der Universität Basel: 19573-01, Herbstsemester HS 2011

Aste A.
“Übung: Relativistische Quantenfeldtheorie”,
Vorlesung an der Universität Basel: 19572-01, Herbstsemester HS 2011

Mayer, S., Scheidegger, R., Prasser, H.
Radiation Biology and Radiation Protection (ETH-Zürich, LV-ID-Nr.: 151-2035-00),

CONFERENCE, WORKSHOP AND SEMINAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Jäckle, H., Paul Scherrer Institut
Ke, X., Jenni, F., University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland, Windisch
Practical Experience with Self-Optimizing, High Dynamic Control of Accelerator Magnet Power Supplies
IPAC 2011, San Sebastian, Spain

Ke, X., Jenni, F., University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland, Windisch
Jäckle, H., Paul Scherrer Institut
Self-Optimizing, High Dynamic Control of Magnet Power Supplies for Particle Accelerators
EPE 2011, Birmingham, UK
Ke, X., Jenni, F., University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland, Windisch
Jäckle, H., Paul Scherrer Institut

SELF-OPTIMIZING HIGH DYNAMIC POWER SUPPLY CONTROL
PAC 2011, New York, USA

Ke, X., Jenni, F., University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland, Windisch
Jäckle, H., Paul Scherrer Institut

Observer and In Situ Identification Based High Dynamic Converter Control
PCIM 2011, Nürnberg, Germany

Mayer, S.
Personal neutron dosimetry at PSI. Advanced WE-Heraeus Physics School on Ionising Radiation and Protection of Man and the Environment
Bad Honnef, Deutschland, 25. Mai 2011

Mayer, S.
Präsentation der Sektion Messwesen, Arbeitskreis Umweltüberwachung des Fachverbandes für Strahlenschutz.
PSI, 7./8. April 2011

Mayer, S.
Stand der Personendosimetrie in der Schweiz. Arbeitskreis Dosimetrie des Fachverbandes für Strahlenschutz
HelmholtzZentrum, München, Deutschland, 7./8. November 2011

Wernli, C., Hoedlmoser, H., Boschung, M., Hohmann, E., Mayer, S.
Neutron dosimetry around accelerators in Switzerland.
International Conference on Accelerator Radiation Safety (ICARS2011), Mumbai, India, 16-18 November 2011

Boschung, M., Mayer, S., Wernli, C.
Personal neutron dosimetry in Switzerland.
7th International Workshop on Ionizing Radiation Monitoring, Mito, Japan, 3-4 Dezember 2011

A. Wällisch
Trials to solidify a Zn-containing low level radioactive sludge with calcium sulfoaluminate cement
at NUWCEM 2011, 1st International Symposium on Cement-based Materials for Nuclear Wastes
Avignon, 10th October - 14th October 2011
PSI scientists Peter-Raymond Kettle and Stefan Kitz in front of the beamline guiding the muons to the MEG experiment, which looks for the rare decay of a positive muon into a positron and a photon. (See page 36 for details)

PHD students Vadim Davydov und Steven Van Petegem at the neutron instrument POLDI at SINQ. This instrument allows the non-destructive determination of residual stresses in machine components.

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