

# SULF Sample and User Laboratory Facilities

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### SULF Team (increased scope/FTE)

Distribution of Full-Time-Employee (FTE) on areas of work

1.25 FTE

Installation & Area Coordination

2.0 FTE

Lab operations (E04, D04, RML)& maintenance

0.25 FTE

ESS Project support



Neutron Guide Optics Support (+0.5 FTE technician?)

#### CORE TEAM (4 FTE+2):









Monika Hartl

Katrin Michel

Roostaei process)

Damian Martin Rodriguez

Melissa Sharp





internship (PhysTA Q3/23; Ghazaleh CTA (hiring CTA intern???

- Ghazaleh joined the team in Oct. '22 as support for installation (2 years)
- 1FTE on long-term sick leave, MH ~50% on other tasks
- Hiring of CTA ongoing (planned for '26, hired now due to DEMAX move)
- 2028: 6 FTE (2 more FTE to be hired)

### SULF Budget

#### Distribution of Budget on areas of work



692 k€

Installation cost D04/D08 & D08 furniture (incl. MPS)

180 k€/yr

Lab consumables (120 k€) & equipment renewal (60 k€)

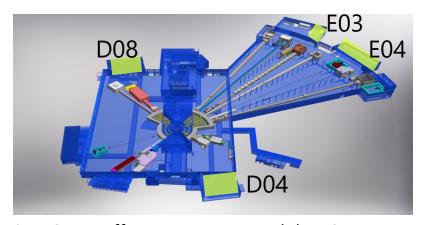
41 k€/yr

ESS Project Support: consumables

~30 k€/yr

Neutron Guide Optics Support +  $\gamma$ -spectrometer

#### Lab AREAs (4 buildings):



E04: SULF offices, current user labs (6 rooms)

E03: optics lab (1 room)

D04: future user labs (4 rooms) + workshop

D08: SULF offices, Radioact. Mat. Lab (RML),

future user labs (4 rooms)

### Installation & Area Coordination

Lab operations & maintenance

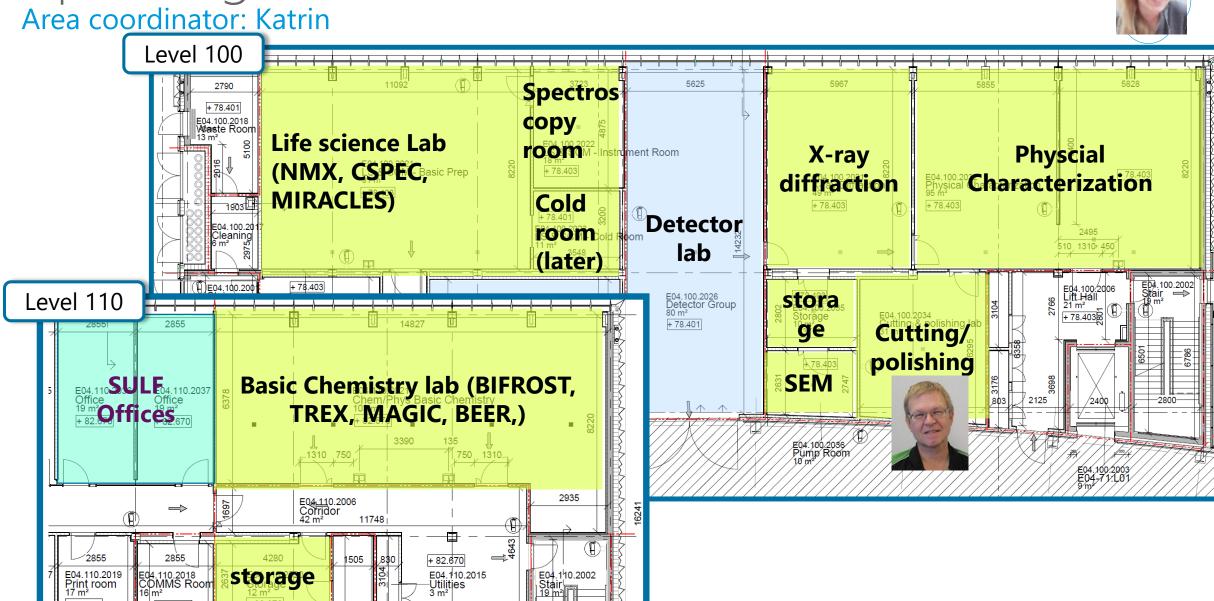
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Neutron Guide Optics support



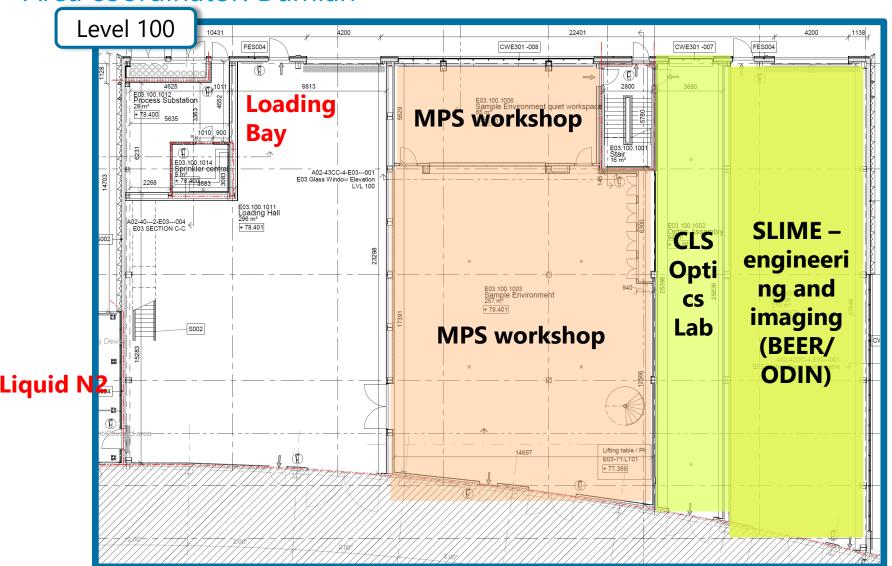
### Operating Labs: E04 Level 100/110





### Commissioning ongoing: E03 – Optics Lab

Area coordinator: Damian





SLIME (Scientific Laboratory for Imaging and Engineering): Moved to MPS.

Damian is area coordinator for E03 Optics lab

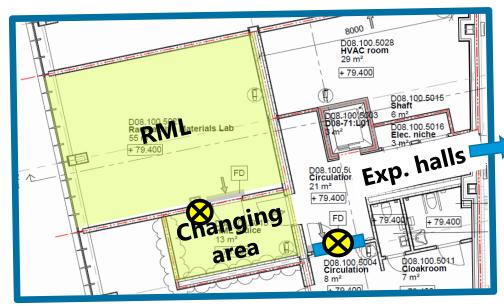
Commissioning:

- XRF/LIBS station
- Neutron Optics Test Bench
- Soon: Gamma Spectrometer (coll. With Spall. Phys. & Test Beamline) – foil activation measurements

### Commissioning finished: RML in D08

"Hot" commissioning of radioactive materials lab in fall 23?







**Radiation monitor** 

#### Test cases:

- H&F Monitor need (already at ESS)
- soon "hot" commissioning
- tensile testing of proton beam window



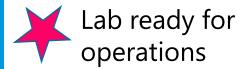
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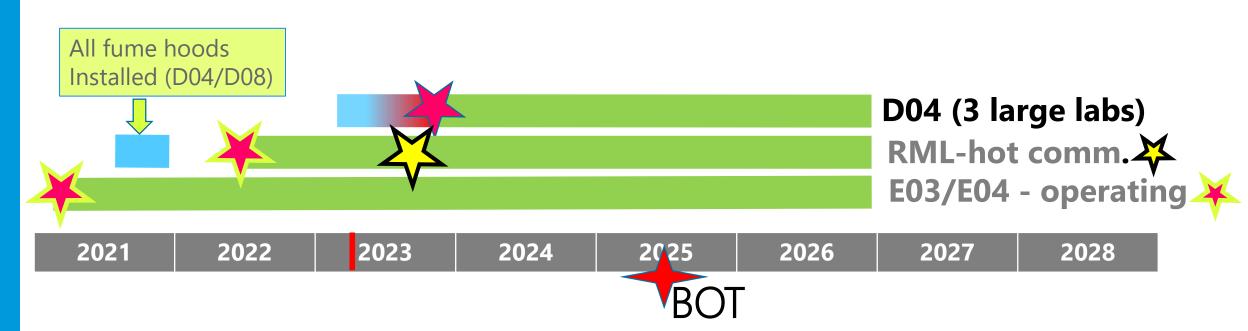
### SULF Timeline –installation (status 2023)



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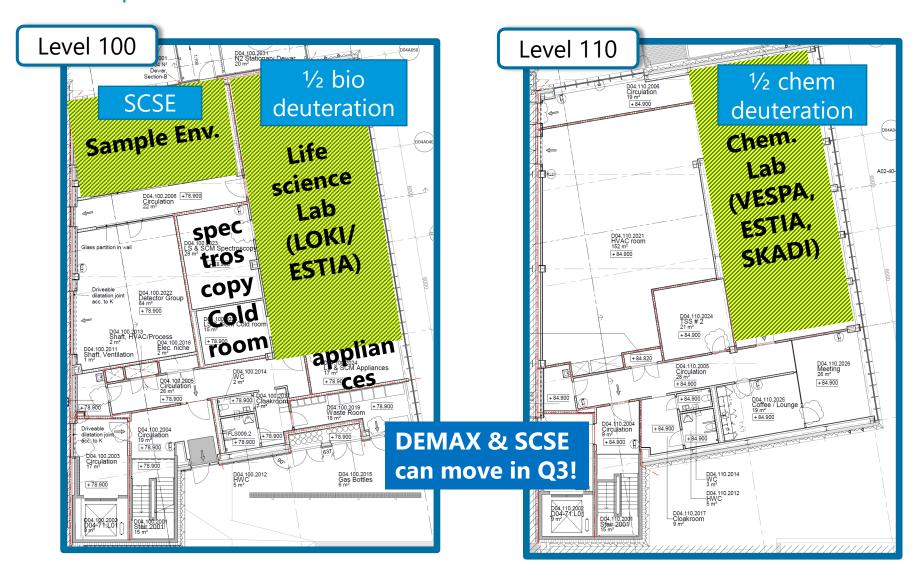




### D04 Installations ongoing

Furniture procured Dec. 2021, contract finished March '23, Installations started





Installation support:

- -risk assessments
- -training records
- -hot works support

... whatever it takes to move the installation forward

### D04 installations – first lab ready May!?

Ongoing – 2 large laboratories and CLS Sample Environment Workshop





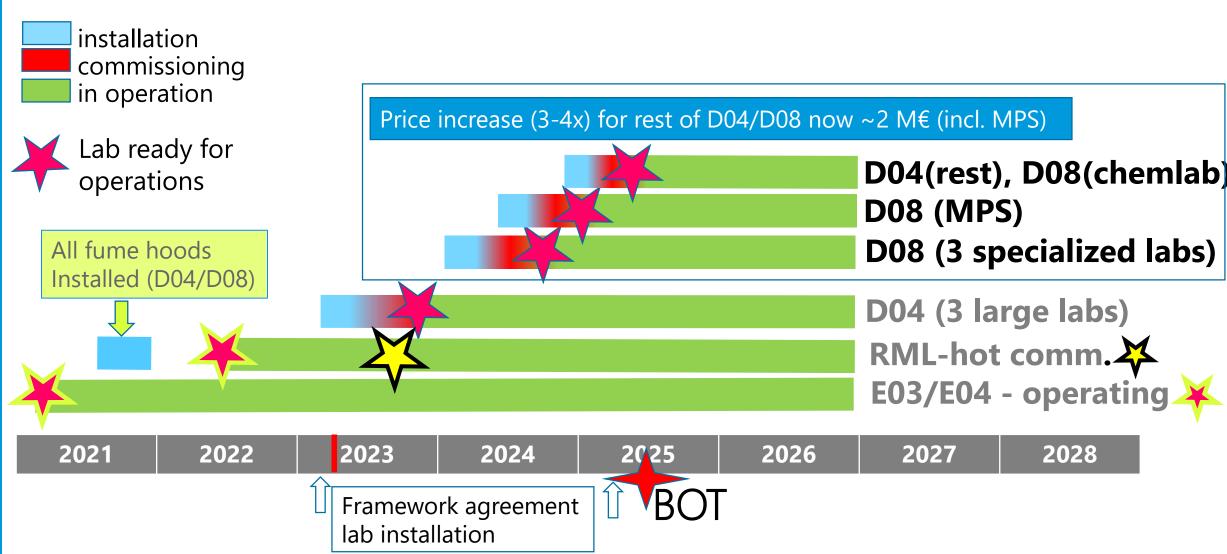


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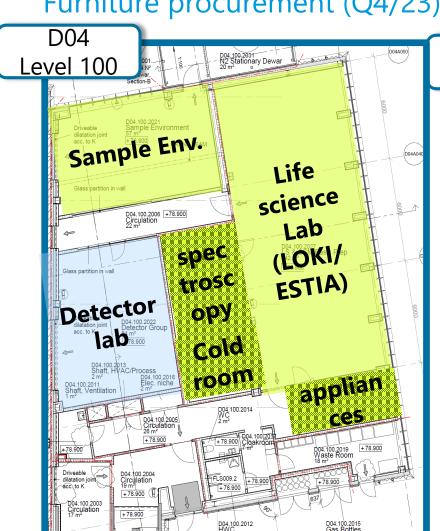


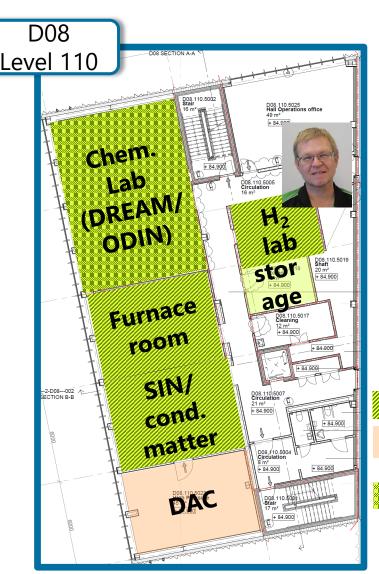
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### D08/D04 Installations planned for 2024

Furniture procurement (Q4/23), installations 2024







Change request to increase budget to be able to install labs in D08 and finish D04

Framework agreement valid until March 2025 -- need to be done with basic fit out in all rooms.

Procure furniture for D08 after summer.

Continue in 3 phases

- 1. install specialized labs (CLS)
- 2. install DAC lab, SE lab and Optics (polarization) lab (MPS)
- 3. finish remaining 3 rooms in D04 (CLS) and large chemlab in D08

Installation & Area Coordination

2 Lab operations & maintenance

**ESS Project Support** 

Neutron Guide Optics support

There is no time left in the SULF team to go out and participate in funding calls nor in joint research proposals. How can we still stay on top of ongoing science?



### Internal webpages

#### Instrumentation description, user guides, manuals

#### Sample Handling and User Labs (SULF) Equipments

Created by Ghazaleh Roostaei, last modified on Dec 13, 2022





Diffractometry



Environmental: Safety & Regulatory: CE



Electrochemistry



Microscopes



Spectroscopy



Sample digestion



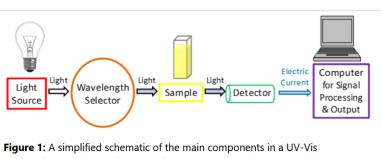


Thermochemistry

preparation

Specifications			
Engineering:	Wavelength Range:	190nm - 2.5μm	
	Source:	Deep-UV Deuterium & Tungsten Halogen	
	Nominal Bulb Power:	20 W (tungsten halogen) 26 W (deuterium)	
	Typical Output Power:	585 μW (deuterium) 990 μW (tungsten halogen)	





spectrophotometer. Credit: Dr. Justin Tom.

Ref: https://www.technologynetworks.com/analysis/articles/uv-vis-spectroscopy-principlestrengths-and-limitations-and-applications-349865

**UV/VIS** 

DLS

FT-IR

Raman

#### How does a UV-Vis spectrophotometer work?

Whilst there are many variations on the UV-Vis spe understanding of how an UV-Vis spectrophotometer components, depicted in Figure 1.

#### **UV-VIS Library**

DH2000.pdf

DH-2000-Operating-Instructions.pdf

Fiber & Tools.pdf

flame.pdf

Ocean\_Optics\_Catalog\_2012.pdf

OceanView iO SoftwareManual.pdf

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### SULF – lab operations / core business

#### Main issue right now – lack of time/staff

#### Daily tasks (core business):

- keep instruments calibrated and maintained, train colleagues
- update lab safety guidelines, perform safety walk-throughs
- chemical inventory, order chemicals,  $I-N_2$  & gas cylinders, chemical waste removal

#### DEMAX move seems to be on-track:

- lots of task related to get services started (chemical waste, utility, access)
- hope that CTA will be hired soon to help with D04 ("learning by doing" with the DEMAX team)

#### **Unavoidable issues**:

- single-point failure: will hopefully be less of an issue when DEMAX is on site
- need more time/staff (installation, restructuring have been a huge time drain)



- CTA intern through ERASMUS program was a great success.
- AS OF LAST WEEK, we have lab coat wash service!

### Equipment renewal and extension

#### What has been done to the list from 2022



#### Larger equipment wish list (2022):

- -CHN+S elemental analysis (approx. 80 k€) on the way √
- -database (ICDD) for XRD (10 k€ for 5 years) in use√
- -polishing setup (15 k€) in use√
- -benchtop NMR (approx. 70 k€) need extra funding
- -reflectometry setup for XRD (approx. 100 k€, 2x 50k€) Or new machine (150 k€) need extra funding
- -camera for microscope& software (15 k€) Q3/23
- -cutting -(30 k€)
- -spin coater (20 k€??) **Q3/23** (NGO budget?)
- -electrochemistry module for corrosion potentiostat need extra funding (operations in-kind?)

#### *Procured by collaborators:*

- Turbidimeter (procured by OHS) √
- Dissolved oxygen (procured by machine directorate?) √
- universal tensile machine (with Beam diagnostics/engineering) on the way √

#### New on list

Gamma spectrometer (Neutron Guide
Optics budget) – procurement started

#### Budget per year 220 kEUR (flat):

- ➤ € 41k ESS project support
- > € 120k consumables
- ➤ € 60k equipment (renewal, small)

Installation & Area Coordination

Lab operations & maintenance

**3** ESS Project Support

Neutron Guide Optics support

Supporting the ESS project is both beneficial to ESS and to SULF. How do we cope with the increasing demand and the necessity to supply written reports?



### ESS Project Support

SULF is part of the "Spallation Chemistry Team"



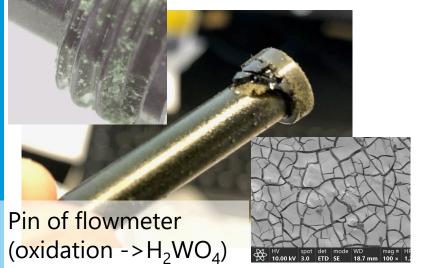


Grain size for Al neutron beam window







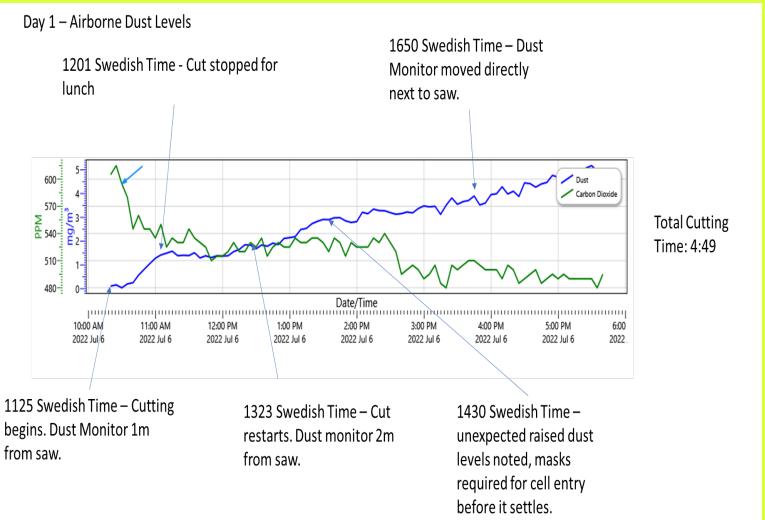




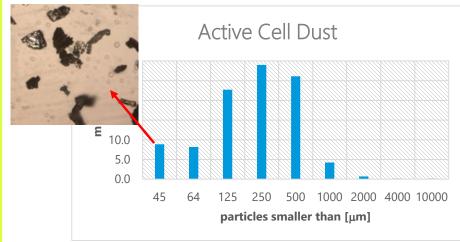
Date	Cu in CWM [ppb]	Cu in CWH [ppb]
Jun 22	BDL	38
Nov 22	BDL	BDL
Jan 23	90	33
Feb 23	620	BDL

### Cutting of monolith in active cell

Testing dust/swarf distribution before active materials are present (C. Jones, J. Dahl, H. Sina)







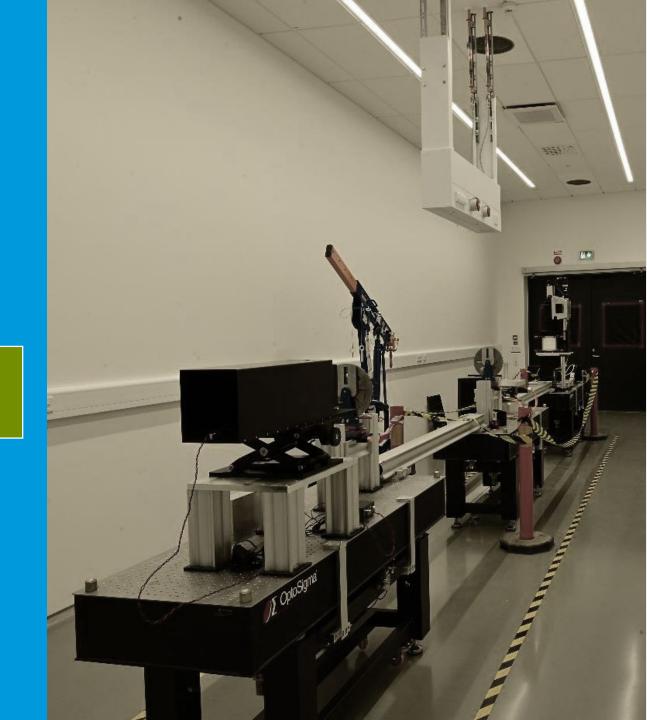
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**4** Neutron Guide Optics Support



### Neutron Guide Optics Scope/Aim

#### XRF-Collaboration with Patric Linqvist-Reis



- Material assessments (XRF, LIBS additional possibly ICP-OES),
  - Neutron guide substrate: check for highly activating components (bunker needs to stay accessible), e.g. Co/SS, Ag/Cu
  - next project: heavy shutter materials.
- Expert review on guide design, installation and commissioning
- Responding to Spallation Chemistry Team request with portable XRF/LIBS
- Operate/maintain gamma-spectrometer for (gold) foil activation measurements



**Neutron Beam Optics Assembly** 

% Cu ± error (3σ)	% Ag
100.00 ± 0.01	< 0.01
100.00 ± 0.09	< 0.01
99.991	0.0044



### Neutron Guide Optics Future?

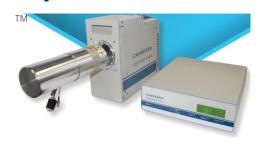
Neutron Optics Lab (collab. ESS Spall. Physics / Test Beamline)

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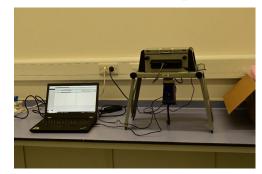
#### **FUTURE**:

- Use existing optical bench to test guide coatings? (200-300 k€ for deposition system)
- Start to develop guide coating using spin coater?
- Idea of setting up a compact neutron source in optics lab
  - moderator material testing?
  - guide testing?
  - Fast neutron radiography
  - Neutron activation analysis of materials

#### **Gamma Spectrometer (Q3/23)**



#### X-ray Fluorescence (portable)



Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy (portable)



#### **Neutron Optics Bench**



**IDEAS? SUGGESTIONS?** 



### Thank you for the attention.