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i) High Energy Physics: we are looking for an experimental particle physicist who will be able to take a leading role in our ongoing activities in the ATLAS experiment. Applicants who could also help maintain our current effort in neutrino physics with the JUNO experiment are particularly encouraged to apply.

ii) Mathematical Physics: we are looking for candidates having the potential of interaction with the established research areas in Mathematical Physics at the institute such as Analysis, PDE, Quantum Physics, and Non-linear Physics.

iii) Medical Physics: we are looking for candidates with a strong background and research expertise in the field.

iv) Quantum Optics & Photonics: we are looking for strong candidates with theoretical or experimental research expertise in either of the following fields: photonics, nanophotonics, non-linear optics, optical metrology, novel laser technologies and similar topics.

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For our location in Hamburg we are seeking: DESY-Fellowships – experimental particle physics

**DESY**

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For inquiries regarding the application process, please contact Andrew Herrera, Academic Personnel, at andrew.herrera@ucr.edu. For further information please contact Dr. Mikhail Krasilnikov, +49-3376-27-17100, Office 5174, DESY, Notkestraße 85, 22603 Hamburg.

**Deadline for applications:** 2019/03/31

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**For our location in Berlin-Adlershof we are seeking:**

**Tenure-track Assistant Professor Level Faculty Position in Experimental Medium or High Energy Nuclear Physics**

**Department of Physics and Astronomy**

**University of California, Riverside**

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For this position we are seeking a scientist of international standing, with experience in the technical design of future proton colliders, in particular in CHART. CHART, the Swiss Center for Proton Therapy, is the Swiss reference institute for proton therapy and as tenured Professor of Particle Accelerator Physics at EPFL. This is a full-time position.

The challenge

As Head of the Division for Large Research Facilities you will provide vision and leadership in technical, scientific and management aspects of all accelerator based activities at PSI, such as the SINQ neutron source, the Swiss Light Source (SLS), the S$\nu$S muon source, and the X-ray free electron laser SwissFEL. This division ensures the operation and future development of these facilities, which serve a large user community and Switzerland’s role Center for Proton Therapy.

As Professor of Particle Accelerator Physics, you will lead the EPFL participation in the Swiss Accelerator Research and Technology (START) collaboration between major Swiss institutions and CERN, develop your own CHART-related research activity at EPFL, direct PSI students in their research, and promote collaboration in your field with other laboratories and centers at EPFL. You will also advise teaching in the field of particle accelerator science at Master and graduate levels.

With its Large Hadron Collider, CERN is the world-leading research laboratory providing a core infrastructure at the energy frontier. CHART has ambitious R&D plans for the technical design of CERN’s Future Circular Collider (FCC) in the next five years (2019-2023), which will further foster synergies between CERN, EPFL, and PSI towards a strategically important and vigorous R&D program in accelerator science and technology. CHART is hosted by PSI.

For this position we are seeking a scientist of international standing, with proven records of scientific and technological achievements in the field of particle accelerators. Leadership capabilities as well as a strong interest for teaching and education are essential requirements.

Applications including a motivation letter, a curriculum vitae with a list of research papers and five names of references, should be submitted in PDF format, by 31 March 2019 via https://facultyrecruiting.epfl.ch/position/17304896

Enquiries may be addressed to:
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An expert in all things colliders

Albert Hofmann 1933–2018

Albert Hofmann, a brilliant accelerator physicist with a worldwide reputation and a distinguished career in the US and Europe, passed away on 28 December 2018.

Hofmann finished his studies at EPZ Zurich in the mid-1950s, and went on to work at the Cambridge Electron Accelerator (CEA) at Harvard University. The team at CEA was a highly reputed one, making seminal contributions including the invention of the low-beta scheme, which converted the CEA 0.1 eV electron synchrotron into an electron–positron collider where the first indications of the charm quark were revealed. This scheme, used in the accelerator’s by-pass, became a basic ingredient of modern colliders.

A major element of this conversion was a Robinson damping wiggler—a series of magnets that suppresses a beam instability brought about by synchrotron radiation. Hofmann led the design, installation and commissioning of this complex device. This was the first multipole wiggle to be used in an electron synchrotron ring, and led to Hofmann’s subsequent lifelong interest in the new discipline of synchrotron radiation and his monumental book Physics of Synchrotron Radiation.

When the CEA closed Hofmann moved to CERN in 1971, where he made significant contributions to the performance of the intersecting Storage Rings (ISR) collider, including proposing the use of a higher harmonic cavity to control beam instabilities as had been done at CEA.

Hofmann also served as a member of the synchrotron–radiation facilities

When the ISR was closed in 1983, Hofmann returned to the US, accepting a professorship at Stanford University. He worked on the damping rings for the SLAC electron–positron linear collider and on synchrotron radiation devices such as the wiggle and undulator magnets to be inserted into the FEL and SPEAR electron–positron circular colliders.

Hofmann was then invited to return to CERN to take joint responsibility for the commissioning of the large electron–positron collider (LEP), and made remarkable contributions to its performance throughout the collider’s 11 years of operations. As at the ISR, he was especially fond of subtle effects such as those of tidal forces on the collider’s beam energy, which was crucial for the precision of the experimental programme.

He subsequently returned to California to work on a compact light source based on inverse Compton scattering that was under development by Lyncean Technologies in Palo Alto. Here, he brought his deep knowledge of accelerator physics to bear on the unusual situation of a very-low-energy electron storage ring. This scheme, which converted the CEA 0.1 eV electron synchrotron into an electron–positron collider where the first indications of the charm quark were revealed. This scheme, used in the accelerator’s by-pass, became a basic ingredient of modern colliders.

In 1996 he was awarded the prestigious Robert R. Wilson Prize of the American Physical Society for his achievements in accelerator physics and teaching.

Albert Hofmann was always very generous in giving scientific credit to colleagues who had in some cases only made a minor contribution. He had an insatiable, long–in–the–cheek sense of humour and told fascinating stories about the early days of colliders. We say goodbye to this generous, modest, inspiring and unpretentious role model.

His friends and colleagues at CERN and SLAC

Vladimir Rittenberg 1934–2018

Striving for essentials

Vladimir Rittenberg, a distinguished theoretical physicist, passed away on 15 April 2018. Vladimir was born in 1934 in Bucharest, Romania, to a mother from Galati, eastern Romania, and a father, an engineer, from Bessarabia, now Moldavia. He attended the University of Bucharest, after which he earned a diploma in technology from the Bucharest Electrotechnical School. Starting in 1952, Vladimir studied theoretical physics at the University of Bucharest, passing the MSc exam in 1957. Due to political upheaval, Vladimir was forced to leave the university in 1958 and accept a job in a laboratory for the crystal growth. It was only in 1963 that he was able to return to theoretical physics, joining the high–energy physics group of the Romanian Academy. In 1966 he received a PhD and became the leader of the group.

In 1969 Vladimir finally left Romania. This was facilitated through an invitation to Oxford University arranged by Bruno Rein. In the same year he immigrated to Israel, where he was visiting scientist at the Weizmann Institute until 1977. Thenceforth, for three years he worked at the Rockefeller University in New York. In 1977, Vladimir was appointed professor at the University of Bonn in Germany. He kept this position for more than 40 years. He was an exceptional scientist, advising many students and keeping them busy with a lot of interesting projects.

In 1985 Vladimir moved to CERN, at first as a physicist, then as a professor at the IFN’s Frascati National Laboratories in Italy, and then at the University of Trieste, where he was appointed professor at the University of Trieste Institute of Mathematics. He was also the founding editor of the Journal of Statistical Mechanics, which launched in 2004.

Vladimir was very passionate in scientific discussions, always striving to get a better understanding of the underlying physics. He had an extraordinary gift of connecting with people, which was clearly visible through the huge number of researchers who were his co–authors. He also inspired young people to enthusiastically follow his guide into the adventure of scientific research.

Vladimir was survived by his daughter Vivian and three grandchildren.

A leader in detector development

Pio Pichici 1942–2019

Pio Pichici, a prominent italian physicist, passed away on 23 January 2019. It was a shock for everyone who knew him as a mentor and as a friend. We say goodbye to this great man, modest, generous and unpretentious.

He had the great honour and pleasure of collaborating with Pio over the past few decades. He had an honest and unbiased scientific approach, not only physics but also life. Even on his very last day at CERN, Pio was discussing with students their new ideas in non–equilibrium detector physics, often along the lines of his exceptional intuition, and had many insightful ideas at the frontiers of detector technologies.

Pio spent most of his life as a physicist, first at the INFN Frascati National Laboratories in Italy, and then at the University of Trieste, where he was appointed professor at the University of Trieste Institute of Mathematics and construction of several experimental detector technologies. In addition to non–equilibrium processes, some of these non–equilibrium processes can be described through quantum spin chain models too, partly exploiting quasiperiodic ladders. This led to several collaborations, both with various physicists, in particular Wim van Zon, and with various collaborators, in particular Francisco Alcaraz. With Francisco he constructed the first statistical model that is integrable and conformally invariant. Vladimir was also the founding editor of the Journal of Statistical Mechanics, which launched in 2004.

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Hofmann was born in Zürich, Switzerland, in 1933, the son of a Napier engineer, and an engineer himself. After studying at the University of Zürich, he worked at CERN, where he became a key figure in the design of the first electron-positron collider. He later went on to work at the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF) in Grenoble, where he played a key role in the development of synchrotron radiation technology. Hofmann was also a founder of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel, where he continued his research on particle physics.

Hofmann was involved in the construction of several major accelerators, including the CERN-GE-9512015 project, which resulted in the construction of the first electron-positron collider. He also played a key role in the development of the high-energy physics community in Europe, and was a key figure in the establishment of the European Physical Society.

Hofmann was known for his exceptional intuition, and had many colleagues and friends from around the world. His work on particle physics and accelerator physics resulted in significant contributions to our understanding of the fundamental forces of nature. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1963 for his discovery of the structure of the synchrotron radiation field.

Hofmann was also a strong supporter of scientific research and education, and was a key figure in the establishment of the European Physical Society. He was a tireless advocate for the importance of fundamental physics, and was a key figure in the establishment of the European Physical Society.

Hofmann was a brilliant accelerator physicist, and his work has had a profound impact on our understanding of the fundamental forces of nature. He was a true pioneer, and his contributions will be remembered for many years to come.