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Vorwort

In the year of 2017 the most important happening was actually an unpleasant one:

During the whole year 2017 the TNF tower, where our Institute is located, has been under construction. This imposed heavy obstruction to our laboratory works. In many weeks the labs have been partially shut down, to protect the equipment. Also the water and air supply for cooling the devices have been unoperational for longer periods of time during 2017. This has certainly hampered the experimental facilities and blocked the scientific work.

On the other hand it was a highlight event, when on 4th of August 2017 two papers of our group appeared in the same issue of the highly prestigious Science Advances. That clearly demonstrates the quality of the scientific work of our Institute and the acceptance of our publications by the community.

Different visitors arrived and our scientific collaborations have continued, even in those difficult circumstances, with great success and continuity.

Near the Christmas period the constructions slowly finished and we can start the year 2018 with renewed windows and renovations of the building. We are looking forward to a new year without heavy construction noise and without dusty labs.

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