

ECHIR: a Beamline for Chip Irradiation at ESS

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The European CHip IRradiation (ECHIR) concept

- Proposed by CNR (italian Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche) in early 2010's
- A chip irradiation facility for single event tests, in synergy with CHIPIR and other facilities
- Design carried out in 2014-16
- Several options considered
- Most advantageous option identified:
 - Beamline directed in forward direction with respect to incoming proton beam
 - Downward directed
- Installed necessary components for the future realization of the facility



ECHIR beamline, from target through monolith





ECHIR design

- Neutron spectrum
- Beam footprint
- Design of beam dump

2.5 m

2 m

5 m



beam footprint



ECHIR spectrum at monolith surface compared with atmospheric spectrum

Forward and Backward flux (2.5 m above ground)



Atmospheric flux multiplied by 10⁹ to match ECHIR spectrum





ECHIR installed components

- Beam line with shutter
- Beam dump



ECHIR Revolver system





ECHIR structure inside monolith











ECHIR Revolver installation









ECHIR location



Summary

The components for a beamline for chip irradiation at ESS (ECHIR) have been designed.

The following components are installed:

- in-monolith beam extraction pipe with shutter
- beam dump

This provision will make possible a future high-flux fast neutron chip irradiation facility at ESS