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The new X-Ray Free Electron Laser (SwissFEL) facility at PSI has produced its first FEL light at 4.1 nm and will deliver 20 fsec pulses of coherent x-rays in the wavelength range 0.1 to 7 nm, with extremely high peak brightness. These characteristics will provide opportunities for new experiments in chemistry, solid state physics, biology and materials science. The Aramis hard x-ray FEL branch will begin normal user operation in 2018 with two dedicated end-stations. The Alvra end-station is focused on using time resolved x-ray spectroscopy (XAS/XES) to investigate femtosecond chemical processes and time-resolved x-ray diffraction for serial femtosecond crystallography (SFX) experiments on proteins. The Bernina end-station is designed for femtosecond time-resolved pump-probe hard x-ray diffraction and scattering experiments in condensed matter systems. The Athos soft x-ray FEL branch is in the early phase of construction and should provide its first FEL light for experiments in 2020. After a brief status report, the presentation will focus on novel applications, the description of the fundamental aspects of the planned facility with an emphasis on the photonics part of the project.

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