

What are users doing?



The MLZ User Committee meeting in Garching in January 2019.

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The enthusiasm for science with instruments around FRM II is high because they can provide very direct answers to important questions. This year there has only been a short opportunity for experiments at MLZ with half a cycle of reactor operations. Users are however still very active. They participate in many conferences and workshops. Particularly when these are oriented to scientific problems rather than experimental methodology, this use of time away from our home laboratories allows us to act as ambassadors for the facilities that we use.

At present we do not meet frequently in Garching. Informal discussions that come with work at a large research facility have numerous advantages. Apart from contact with friends, we learn about recent scientific developments and what is happening elsewhere. For the User Committee, reduced contact has a consequence that we have less feedback. Our experience is that many people share views during informal meetings but may not contact us directly by e-mail or telephone.

While there may be fewer comments about instruments, analysis of data is certainly on-going. It would be timely to give feedback on software. There is continuing development and it is helpful to provide ideas or report problems so that this work is effective.

Your suggestions, ideas and thoughts on any topic concerning MLZ are always welcome and can be communicated to any member of the User Committee. I write this looking forward to discussions at the User meeting in December.