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As a PhD research student under Dr. Andy Siu's group, I was given a precious opportunity to conduct my research abroad in Austria. It was an honor to be invited to join the research group of Prof. Martin Beyer for two months at Institute of Ionphysics and Applied Physics, University of Innsbruck. This research abroad in fact, could not be described by words because of the awesome research experience in Innsbruck and the interaction with Europeans. I was exposed to various cutting edge equipment and facilities, especially Fourier transform ion cyclotron mass spectrometer which was used to collect my research data about gas phase reactions. Being a part of this European research group for two months, I managed to exchange scientific ideas with Europeans during group discussion and also witnessed the effectiveness of their work, positive attitudes towards research and the most importance of work-life balancing.

Living in Innsbruck, I enjoyed so much the fine weather (the highest temperature of 25°C) even in summer due to its geographical position sandwiched between two high mountains. Indeed, I had the chance to taste a variety of Austrian cuisine which I have never had before as an Asian. Although bread is common food on the Earth, an authentic taste of Austrian bread such as Kaiser roll is scrumptious when compared to any bread found in Asia. I was also able to feast my eyes with stunning views and historic buildings in Tirol (a state of Austria).

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The view of mountain from the Institute of Ionphysics and Applied Physics



The garden of my hostel Kolpinghauz



Innsbruck town