

# Ruben Leuzinger

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## Projects

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**Home-built Scanning Tunneling Microscope (STM)** Ongoing

- Collaborating with Luzian Trapletti on a functional STM to study quantum tunneling currents between a metallic tip and sample with the goal of atomic-scale spatial resolution.
- Mechanical approach system, vibration mitigation, custom PCBs for current measurement and control.

**Smart Pass Manager: A Noise-Aware Transpiler Pass for Qiskit** June 25

- Developed a Python Qiskit transpiler plugin using graph-theoretic heuristics to map circuits onto the least-noisy subset of qubits on IBM noisy intermediate-scale quantum (NISQ) hardware.
- Links: Code, Short Paper

**Personal Website** Feb 25

- Created a personal website to publish academic documents, projects and personal insights.
- rubenleuzinger.com

**Das Doppelpendel: Zufall oder Chaos? Eine Analyse chaotischen Verhaltens** Oct 22

- Simulated a double pendulum using Python and studied the chaotic behavior under consideration of phase-space structures and Lyapunov-Exponents.
- Maturitätsarbeit supervised by Dr. Florian Leupold

## Education

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**Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich (ETH Zurich)**, BSc in Physics Sept 24 – Oct 27 (expected)

- **Noteworthy Courses:** theoretical and experimental physics, mathematics, data analysis, electronics, labwork

**Kantonsschule Uster**, Matura focused on Applied Mathematics and Physics July 19 – July 23

- **Noteworthy Courses:** Applied Mathematics, Python

## Accomplishments and Honors

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**IBM Tech Talent Program** Feb 26 - Sep 26

- Mentorship Program offered by IBM.

**Hasler excellence Scholarship** Sep 25 - Sep 27

- Merit-based scholarship supporting undergraduate studies in physics at ETH Zurich.

**Náboj International Mathematics Competition** Mar 23

- 1st place Switzerland. Náboj is an international Mathematics Team Competition for high-school students.

**Swiss Physics Olympiad** 22/23

- 16th place at the second round of the national physics Olympiad, qualifying for final round and training weekend in Lausanne.

## Work Experience

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I had already had the opportunity to gain work experience in different fields. During my time in school I tutored math. I completed the mandatory basic training in the swiss army as a Panzergrenadier, worked briefly in a pharmacy, and in a primary school as a teaching assistant. I did fundraising for non-profit organizations where I was promoted to team leader, being responsible for a team of five employees.

## Skills

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**Programming:** C++, Python (with Qiskit)

**Others:** LaTeX, ECAD (KiCad, Altium), SystemVerilog (for FPGAs), CAD (Onshape), Linux (Ubuntu), Wordpress

**Languages:** German (Native), English (Fluent), French (B2)