

# Atypical BSE prion progression in natural hosts (production of EQA reference materials)

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# Project Lead

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## Employees *(who will make it happen)*

- **1x PostDoc: Sonja Ernst**
- **1x Animal keeper: Ben Schiller**
- **½ Technician: Miriam Müller**



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# Work Plan

- Intracerebral Inoculation of calves with Atypical BSE (H- und L-Typ)
- 10 Holstein Friesian cows per BSE type
- Sampling during incubation time
- Expected incubation time: 15-20 mpi

➔ Total duration: 3 years

Group	No. of Animals	<u>Inocula</u>	Blood	CSF	Clinical examination	Systematic neurol. examination
H-type BSE	Up to 10	10% homogenate (1 <sup>st</sup> passage)	Monthly	Every six months	At least weekly	Depending on health status of animal after first neurological signs
L-type BSE	Up to 10	10% homogenate (1 <sup>st</sup> passage)				

Specific research questions can be assessed on request by other researchers

➔ Biological material for the next 20 years are secured



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BSL 3\*\* Facility



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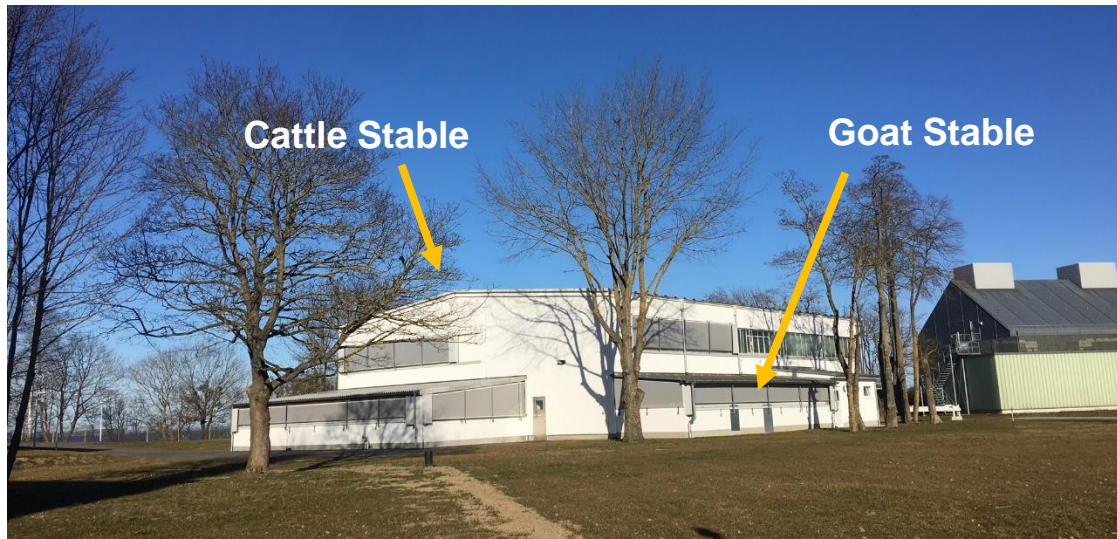
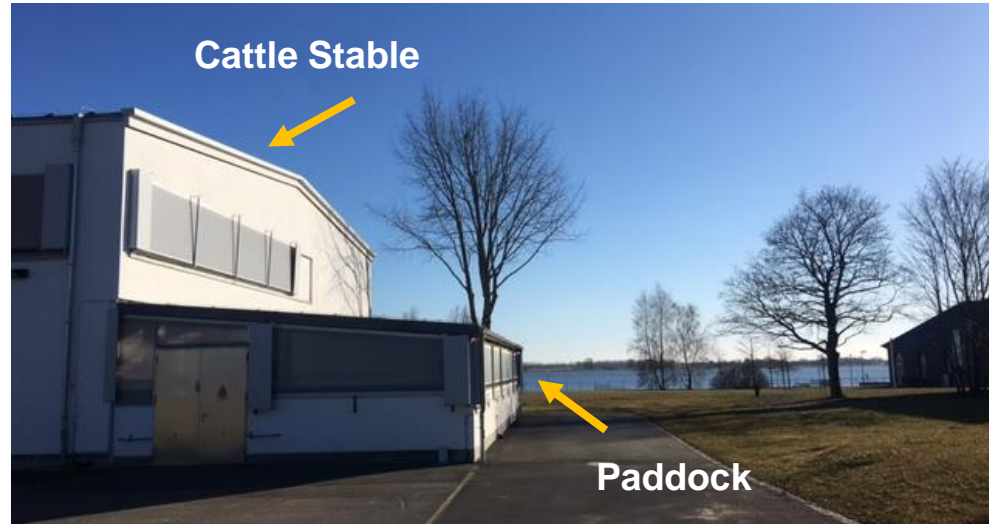
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## BSE Necropsy Hall

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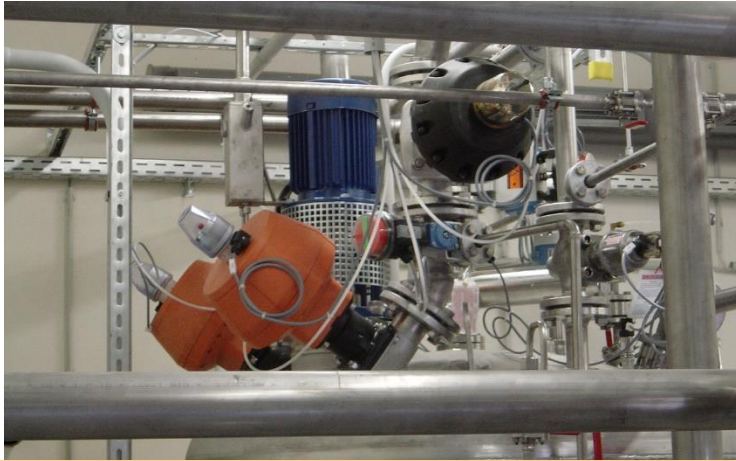
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**BSE  
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**All waste/wastewater will be autoclaved at  
136 °C for 4h at 3bar**



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## Animals

- ✓ Proposal for approval is in preparation
- ✓ Animals are planned for August, first 6-8 weeks probation period for the stable, training for inoculation ...

**Sonja has to finish her thesis to be allowed to work as a Postdoc (administrative problem), planned for July**



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Many thanks for your  
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