

***The Hamburg Centre for Ultrafast Imaging***  
***The Graduate Days 2019***

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March 18 – 21



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# Programme

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## Tuesday, March 19, 2019

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**15:30** Free time

**17:00** Colloquium

**Prof. Päivi Törmä**

*New perspectives on quantum geometry, superconductivity and Bose-Einstein condensation*  
(CFEL, bld. 99, seminar rooms I-II-III)

**18:00** Reception (CFEL, bld. 99, Foyer)

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**15:30** Free time

**16:30** Industry event

**Dr. Stephan Ritter**

*Quantum technologies: from basic research to industry*  
(CFEL, bld. 99, seminar rooms I-II)

**17:30 Reception** (CFEL, bld. 99, Foyer)

**Thursday, March 21, 2019**

**9:30 Bernd Klein**

*Machine learning in Python: A step-by-step hands-on introduction*  
(Bld. 61, Rechnerraum/CIP Pool, ground floor)

**Prof. Gerwald Lichtenberg**

*Multidimensional data analysis with MATLAB*  
(Bld. 3, room 3, ground floor)

**Dr. Andrew Wold**

*Scientific presentation skills*  
(CFEL, bld. 99, seminar room V, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)

**Dr. Sabine Baars**

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**17:00** End of the Graduate Days

# Abstracts

## Morning long courses (Mon-Wed, 9:30-12:30)

### Light-matter quantum interfaces:

#### Optomechanics and chiral quantum optics

Prof. Klemens Hammerer and Dr. Sahand Mahmoodian (Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany)

In our lecture we will provide an introduction to quantum interfaces between light and matter. We will explain how material degrees of freedom, in particular of cold trapped atoms, quantum dots, and micromechanical oscillators, can be coupled highly efficiently to one-dimensional guided modes of light. Such light-matter interfaces can then be used to interconnect ensembles of atoms and even hybrid setups of atoms and mechanical oscillators when these systems are coupled to propagating light fields in a cascaded fashion. In this way it is possible to engineer the quantum state of distant material degrees of freedom, for example, to cool to quantum mechanical ground states or to generate entangled states, as well as to engineer the quantum state of light transmitted through an ensemble of cascaded atoms.

### Prerequisites for attending the lecture:

*Interfacing single photons and single quantum dots with photonic nanostructures*, Peter Lodahl, Sahand Mahmoodian, and Søren Stobbe, Rev. Mod. Phys. 87, 347 (2015), arXiv:1312.1079

*Chiral quantum optics*, Peter Lodahl, Sahand Mahmoodian, Søren Stobbe, Arno Rauschenbeutel, Philipp Schneeweiss, Jürgen Volz, Hannes Pichler, and Peter Zoller, Nature 541, 473 (2017), arXiv:1608.00446

*Quantum interface between light and atomic ensembles*, Klemens Hammerer, Anders S. Sørensen, and Eugene S. Polzik, Rev. Mod. Phys. 82, 1041 (2010), arXiv:0807.3358

*Hybrid Mechanical Systems*, Philipp Treutlein, Claudiu Genes, Klemens Hammerer, Martino Poggio, and Peter Rabl, in: "Cavity

Optomechanics", ed. by M. Aspelmeyer, T. J. Kippenberg, and F. Marquardt (Springer, Berlin 2014) pp. 327-351, arXiv:1210.4151

### 2D-IR spectroscopy: Protein dynamics, ultrafast structure determination and steering photochemistry

Prof. Jens Bredenbeck (Institute of Biophysics, Goethe Universität Frankfurt, Germany)

We will briefly cover the basics of molecular vibrations and infrared spectroscopy. We will explore the information content of static and time resolved infrared spectra using examples from chemistry and biology. Based on this foundation, ultrafast 2D-IR spectroscopy will be introduced. In contrast to 1D spectroscopy, 2D-IR spectroscopy reveals cross-peaks between bands of the IR absorption spectrum. We will discuss different mechanisms of how such cross-peaks are generated, such as chemical exchange, spectral diffusion, anharmonic coupling and vibrational energy transfer and how they can be exploited to investigate molecular structure and dynamics on a time scale of ~100 fs and longer.

Augmenting IR pulse sequences with near-IR, Vis or UV pulses creates novel spectroscopies, such as transient 2D-IR, triggered exchange 2D-IR, surface specific 2D-IR or VIPER 2D-IR. We will discuss the information content and application range of these mixed IR / non-IR multidimensional spectroscopies, using examples from protein biophysics, photochemistry, surface chemistry and others.

If time permits, technical aspects and different approaches of collecting 2D-IR spectra will be explained, comparing their advantages and disadvantages.

### References:

*From ultrafast structure determination to steering reactions: mixed IR/non-IR multidimensional vibrational spectroscopies*, Luuk J. G. W. van Wilderen, Jens Bredenbeck, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 54, 11624-11640 (2015).

*Concepts and Methods of 2D Infrared Spectroscopy*, Peter Hamm and Martin Zanni, Cambridge University Press (2011).

## Density functional theory

**Dr. Klaas Giesbertz (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands)**

In this course I will explain the theoretical aspects of Density Functional Theory (DFT). The foundations of DFT will be built up from general considerations, to help you understand how DFT fits in a larger picture of methods aiming to deal with the quantum many-particle problem. We will go through the derivation of the Kohn-Sham equations and discuss their function and importance for the performance of practical DFT. I will also explain the philosophy used in the construction of basic approximations to the remaining exchange-correlation functional (LDA, GGA, hybrid) and point out important features of their performance. If time permits, I will also discuss the interpretation of the Kohn-Sham orbitals and orbital energies.

Prerequisites for attending the lecture: Basic Quantum Mechanics, basic linear algebra and Lagrange multipliers (Wikipedia / lectures notes Appendix B)

## **Afternoon short courses (Mon-Wed, 14:00-15:30)**

### Polaron physics in ultracold atoms and solid-state materials

**Dr. Richard Schmidt (Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics, Garching, Germany)**

When an impurity is immersed into an environment, it changes its properties due to its interactions with the surrounding medium. Indeed, the impurity becomes dressed by excitations in the environment and may form a quasiparticle called polaron. Polarons feature altered properties such as an effective mass and a modified response to external perturbations.

In this lecture, I will introduce the concept of polaron formation and present recent experimental and theoretical progress on studying a variety of polaronic phenomena. After giving an overview over various types of polaronic states found in solid state systems, physical chemistry, and ultracold atomic

gases, I will explain how polarons can be theoretically described by means of simple variational wave functions. To this end, I will focus on the problem of a mobile quantum impurity interacting with a Fermi gas which forms a so-called Fermi polarons. After discussing the observation of Fermi polarons in experiments with cold atomic systems, we will turn to two-dimensional materials where polaron physics has recently become a focal point of research. First, we will briefly introduce two-dimensional semiconductors where the interaction between excitons and electrons leads to polaron formation. After reviewing excitons, we will then apply Fermi polaron theory to demonstrate how the optical properties of atomically thin semiconductor heterostructures can be manipulated by exploiting polaronic effects.

In the last part of this lecture we will turn to the famous Anderson orthogonality catastrophe which deals with the breakdown of the polaron description. The Anderson orthogonality catastrophe takes place in systems where the mass of the impurity approaches infinity, and the generation of an infinite number of low-energy excitations may destroy the quasiparticle. We will briefly discuss how this situation can be described theoretically, and we then relate our findings to current frontiers in research where the formation and destruction of polarons is currently explored.

Prerequisites for attending the lecture: Quantum Mechanics

### Femtochemistry and surface physics

**Prof. Wilfried Wurth, Center for Free-Electron Laser Science, Universität Hamburg and DESY Photon Science**

The study of chemical reactions at surfaces is one of the central research areas in surface science. It is motivated by the importance of heterogenous catalysis for many applications relevant to society. With the availability of X-ray free-electron lasers many of the techniques used to investigate the kinetics of surface chemical reactions can now be used to probe the real-time dynamics of these reactions on sub-picosecond timescales.

In the first lecture an overview on standard concepts in surface physics and the investigation of surface chemical reactions will be given. The second lecture will cover studies of the real-time dynamics of surface chemical reactions performed with short

pulse laser sources in the lab. Finally, recent results obtained at X-ray free-electron lasers will be discussed and perspectives for future research will be presented.

### **Cellular imaging and nanoanalytics to study neurodegeneration: From nanomechanical sensors to single cell visual proteomics**

**Dr. Thomas Braun (Center for Cellular Imaging and Nanoanalytics, Universität Basel, Switzerland)**

The three lectures present new methods for the biomedical imaging and nanoanalysis of cellular systems and their application to the study of neurodegenerative diseases.

**The first lecture will provide a general overview of neurodegenerative diseases, the state of current research, and the limitations of present analytical methods.** Neurodegenerative disorders such as Parkinson's disease (PD) and Alzheimer's disease (AD) mainly affect the elderly, and due to demographic shifts, they are afflicting an increasing number of people. Unusual intra- and extracellular aggregates are closely associated with PD and AD. These "plaques" are related to disease-specific misfolded proteins. A stereotypical spreading of these plaques throughout the brain is typical in these disorders. The model of the "prion-like spreading" of aggregates containing misfolded proteins provides an elegant explanation for this phenomenon. However, the detailed mechanism for this spreading is unknown, and different pathways have been suggested. The lecture will provide an overview of neurodegenerative diseases and ongoing research.

**The second lecture will provide an overview of nanomechanical sensors and their application in biomedical research.** Since the invention of the atomic force microscope by Binnig, Quate, and Gerber in 1986, many different applications have been invented. The lecture will provide a historical overview of the various modes of the atomic force microscope and its siblings, nanomechanical sensors. Whenever possible, the focus will be on biomedical applications for the study of neurodegenerative diseases.

**The third lecture will provide an overview of microfluidic sample preparation methods for electron microscopy and the new opportunities**

**arising thereof.** During recent years, direct electron detection cameras for electron microscopes (EM) introduced a rapid and lasting advance to structural biology, and are now regarded as a standard method for the structural analysis of protein complexes to atomic resolution. However, protein isolation techniques and sample preparation methods for cryo-EM remain a bottleneck. For a high-resolution analysis of proteins by the cryogenic EM (cryo-EM) single-particle approach, only 10'000 to a few million individual protein particles must be imaged. Therefore, microfluidic techniques can provide enough protein complexes for the structural investigation by cryo-EM and the single-particle approach. We developed microfluidic methods for the sample preparation for electron microscopy, consuming only a few nanoliters of the specimen in total. The lecture will provide an overview over microfluidics and EM sample preparation in general and will highlight new experimental approaches for the single-cell analysis not possible before.

*Prerequisites for attending the lecture:* All three presentations will discuss basic concepts and no prior knowledge is needed.

## **Practical and soft-skills workshops (Thu, 9:30-17:00)**

### **Machine learning in Python: A step-by-step hands-on introduction**

**Dipl.-Inform. Bernd Klein (Bodenseo, Singen, Germany)**

1. Getting and Familiarizing with Python and its ML Modules:  
scipy  
numpy  
matplotlib  
pandas  
sklearn  
PyCharm, Spyder and Jupyter-Notebook
2. Examining the Data Sets:  
The "Hello-World" of Machine Learning: Iris Dataset
3. Visualization of the Data
4. Classifying the Data by using
  - a) nearest-Neighbour Classifier
  - b) Neural Networks



Prerequisites for attending the lecture: Intermediate Programming Skills in some programming language, e.g. C, C++, Java.

**Multidimensional data analysis with MATLAB**  
**Prof. Gerwald Lichtenberg (Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften, Hamburg, Germany)**

Scientific computation tools support 2D data as a standard because data analysis and visualisation algorithms often are defined for matrices. But in a lot of research fields and applications, data is naturally structured along more than two axes and 3D, 4D, or in general multidimensional arrays are appropriate. Elements of these are stored and accessed by three or more indices, which reflects neighbourhood relations that might be lost in matrix representation.

Moreover, tensor decomposition methods are available for multidimensional arrays which are intensively studied in many disciplines: independent component analysis, blind source separation, signal processing, data mining, system modelling, audio and image processing, biomedical applications, bio-informatics, and many more. In contrast to machine learning algorithms, tensor decompositions can lead to interpretable factors as results. These methods have mathematical roots in multilinear algebra, algebraic geometry and optimization.

The workshop will introduce modern methods and tools for multidimensional data analysis as *Tensorlab* and the *Tensor Toolbox* based on MATLAB. Examples will be given and participants are encouraged to bring own data samples.

Prerequisites for attending the lecture:  
Linear algebra basics  
MATLAB basics

**Scientific presentation skills**  
**Dr. Andrew Wold (Project Manager at GRASP, Linköping University, Sweden)**

The ability to present scientific research is a skill that some have, but others need to hone. This course will provide participants with practical knowledge to better structure and deliver their scientific research. Furthermore, this course will work on presentation skills that will prepare students to present not only research content, but also themselves. As most students will look to further their academic careers, it is important to optimally

present yourself for future interviews. This course will help participant's present confidently and effectively.

Methods: Group and individual exercises, improvisation methods, presentation theory, trainer feedback

**Options for third party funding and how to apply**  
**Dr. Sabine Baars (Universität Hamburg, Germany)**

**Colloquium (Tue, 17:00)**

**New perspectives on quantum geometry, superconductivity and Bose-Einstein condensation**

**Prof. Päivi Törmä (Department of Applied Physics, Aalto University, Finland)**

Superconductivity, superfluidity and Bose-Einstein condensation (BEC) are many-body phenomena where quantum statistics are crucial and the effect of interactions may be intriguing. Superconductors are already widely applied, but theoretical understanding of superconductivity and condensation in several real world systems is still a challenge, and superconductivity at room temperature remains a grand goal. We have recently discovered that superconductivity (superfluidity) has a connection to quantum geometry [1-3]. Namely, the superfluid weight in a multiband system has a previously unnoticed component, which we call the geometric contribution. It is proportional to the quantum metric of the band. Quantum metric is connected to the Berry curvature, and this allows to relate superconductivity with the topological properties of the band. Using this theory, we have shown that superconductivity is possible also in a flat band where individual electrons would not move. We show that, in a flat band, the salient features of superconductivity are actually given already by the two-body physics [3]. These results may be essential in explaining for instance the recent observation of superconductivity in bilayer graphene, and may eventually help realize superconductors at elevated temperatures.

Bose-Einstein condensation has been realized for various particles or quasi-particles, such as atoms, molecules, photons, magnons and semiconductor exciton polaritons. We have recently experimentally

realized a new type of condensate: a BEC of hybrids of surface plasmons and light in a nanoparticle array [4]. The condensate forms at room temperature and shows ultrafast dynamics. We utilized a special measurement technique, based on formation of the condensate under propagation of the plasmonic excitations, to monitor the sub-picosecond thermalization dynamics of the system. This new platform is ideal for studies of differences and connections between BEC and lasing [5], and eventually also studies of topological phenomena due to the easy tunability of the array geometry and the system symmetries [6].

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- [4] T.K. Hakala, A.J. Moilanen, A.I. Väkeväinen, R. Guo, J.-P. Martikainen, K.S. Daskalakis, H.T. Rekola, A. Julku, P. Törmä, Nature Physics **14**, 739 (2018)
- [5] T.K. Hakala, H.T. Rekola, A.I. Väkeväinen, J.-P. Martikainen, M. Necada, A.J. Moilanen, and P. Törmä, Nature Communications **8**, 13687 (2017)
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## Industry event talk (Wed, 16:30)

### Quantum technologies: from basic research to industry

**Dr. Stephan Ritter (TOPTICA Photonics AG, Gräfelfing / Munich, Germany)**

Quantum effects not only provide deeper insights into fundamental physics, but can also be exploited to advance a broad range of technologies. They promise higher precision in sensing and metrology, a new computing paradigm, fundamental advantages in secure communication and much more. Inventing these protocols and applications is one of the great tasks for theorists, while the experimental challenge is to gain full control over the employed quantum systems. Their reliable production and manipulation at the quantum level often requires either the most advanced classical technologies or even a new generation of devices. We are currently witnessing an exciting transition of quantum technologies from academic labs into

industry, as can for example be seen from the quickly growing number of quantum technology startups.

TOPTICA Photonics is deeply rooted in the quantum technology community from which it emerged more than 20 years ago. Since then, TOPTICA develops and manufactures high-end laser systems for scientific applications and industrial applications. In my talk, I will present some of the opportunities and challenges TOPTICA faces by providing enabling technologies for the rapidly developing market of quantum technologies and give examples of TOPTICA's direct involvement in this new field, e.g. the development of an optical atomic clock.

Last but not least, my own career path serves as a good example for the entanglement between academic research and industry. I will sketch how my curiosity for quantum effects and enthusiasm for technology took me from developing a laser as a student at Universität Hamburg to research on ultracold quantum gases at ETH Zurich, to building quantum networks at MPQ in Munich, and to finally become TOPTICA's Application Specialist for Quantum Technologies.

Prerequisites for attending the lecture: none

# **Practical information**

## **Organisation**

Antonio Negretti, Anja Cordes, and Jutta Voigtmann

## **Location**

Campus Bahrenfeld  
Notkestraße 85 (main entrance)/Luruper Chaussee  
149 (side entrance)

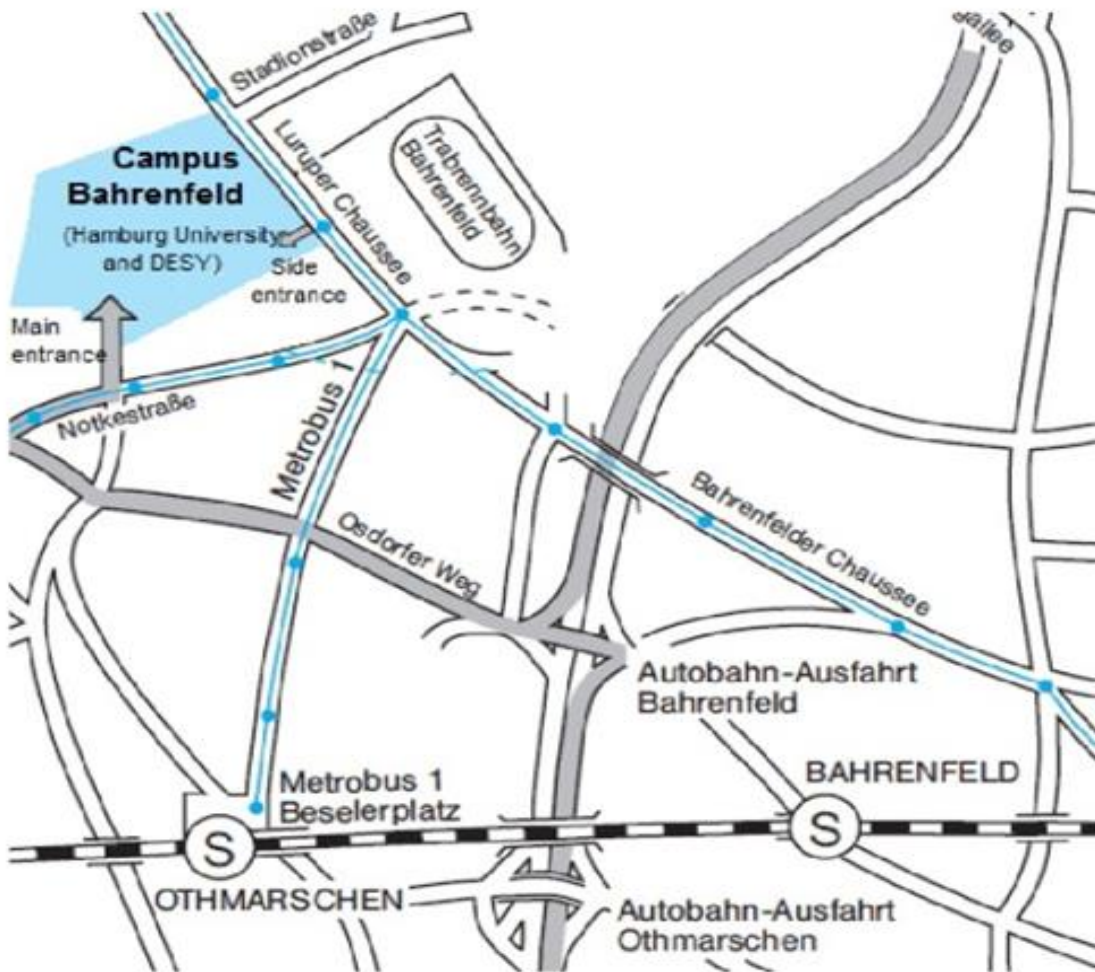
- Center for Free-Electron Laser Science (CFEL), building 99
- Center for Optical Quantum Technologies (ZOQ), building 90
- Building 03
- Building 61

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## Directions



By train: to Hamburg-Altona station, then continue by taxi (travelling time about 15 minutes) or take a bus (see below).

By bus: To reach the side gate (recommended), take bus line 2 (direction Schenefeld Mitte) from Altona train station and get off at “Luruper Chaussee/DESY”, travelling time about 20 minutes.

From train station “S-Bahn Othmarschen”, take bus line 1 (direction “Rissen/Blankenese”) directly to the main entrance of the campus (bus stop “Zum Hünengrab/DESY”), travelling time about 25 minutes.

By plane: The campus can be reached from Hamburg airport by taxi in about 30 minutes. Alternatively, take suburban train S1 to Altona or Othmarschen (about 40 minutes, direct train) and a bus from there (see above).



