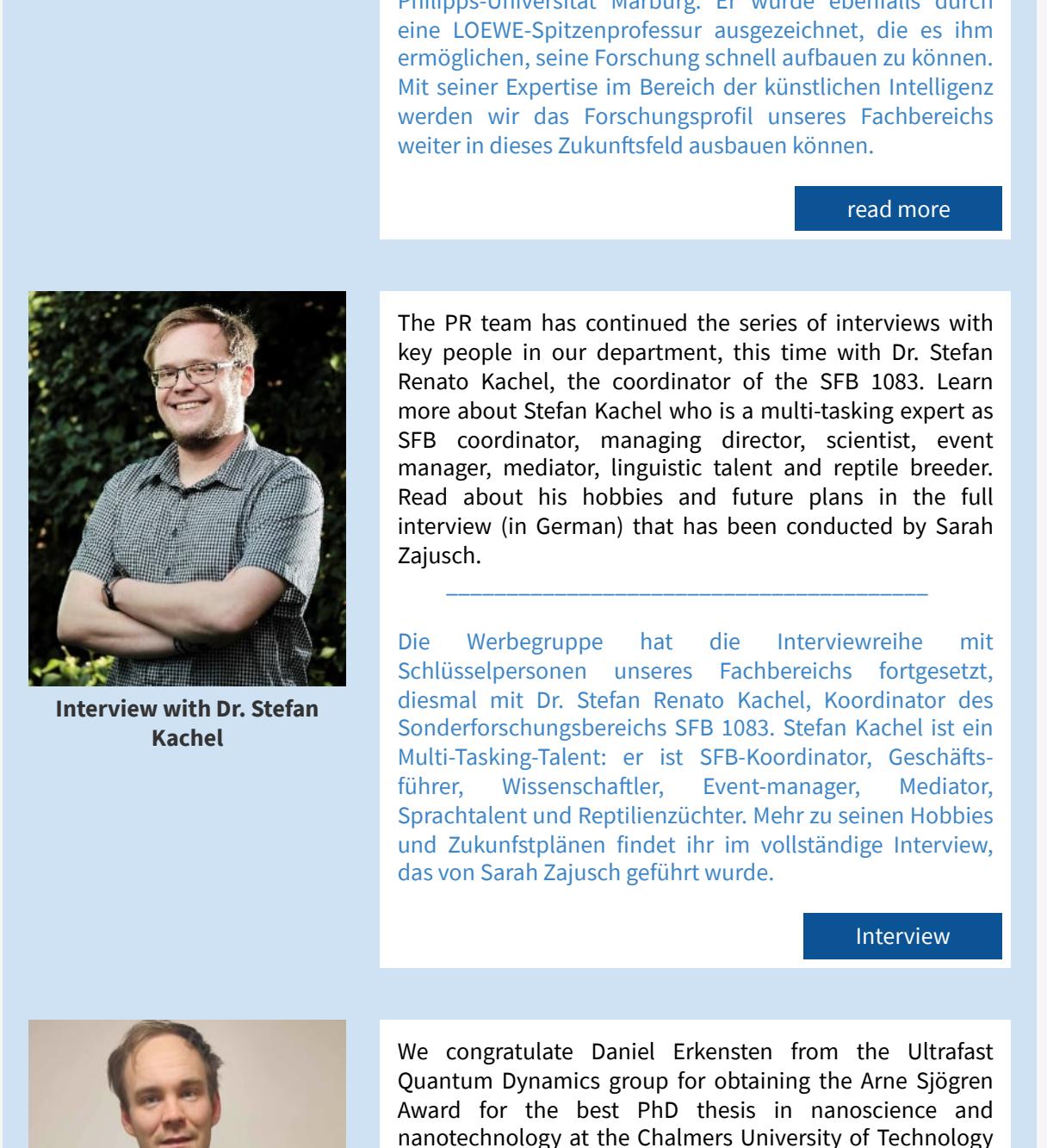
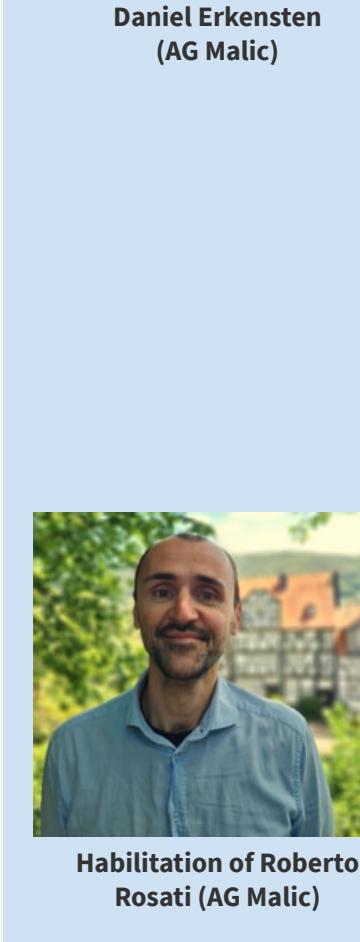


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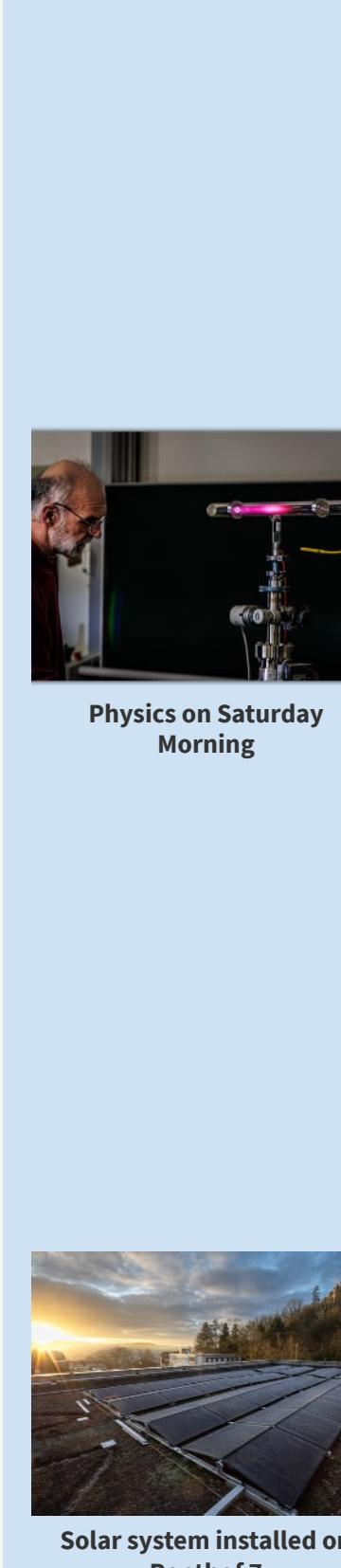


Mark Vogelsberger starts in our Department on March 1

We warmly welcome Prof. Mark Vogelsberger to our Department. He is one of most renowned scientists in the field of data- and computer-based astrophysics and moves from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to the Philipps University of Marburg. He has also joined a LOEWE top research group, allowing him to boost the start of his research group. With his expertise in artificial intelligence, we will further expand the research profile of our Department.

Wir heißen Prof. Mark Vogelsberger herzlich willkommen in unserem Fachbereich. Er ist einer der renommiertesten Wissenschaftler auf dem Gebiet der daten- und computerbasierten Astrophysik und wechselt vom Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) an die Philipps-Universität Marburg. Er wird ebenfalls durch eine LOEWE-Spitzenprofessur auszeichnet, die es ihm ermöglichen, seine Forschung schnell aufzubauen und mit seiner Expertise im Bereich der künstlichen Intelligenz werden wir das Forschungsprofil unseres Fachbereichs weiter in dieses Zukunftsfeld austauschen können.

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Interview with Dr. Stefan Kachel

The PR team has continued the series of interviews with key people in our department, this time with Dr. Stefan Renato Kachel, the coordinator of the SFB 1083. Learn more about Stefan Kachel who is a multi-tasking expert as SFB coordinator, managing director and reptile breeder. Read about his hobbies and future plans in the full interview (in German) that has been conducted by Sarah Zajusch.

Die Werbegruppe hat die Interviewreihe mit Schlüsselpersonen unseres Fachbereichs fortgesetzt, diesmal mit Dr. Stefan Renato Kachel, Koordinator des Sonderforschungsbereichs SFB 1083. Stefan Kachel ist ein Multi-Tasking-Talent: er ist SFB-Koordinator, Geschäftsführer, Wissenschaftler, Eventmanager, Mediator, Sprachtenant und Reptilienzüchter. Mehr zu seinen Hobbies und Zukunftsplänen findet ihr im vollständige Interview, das von Sarah Zajusch geführt wurde.

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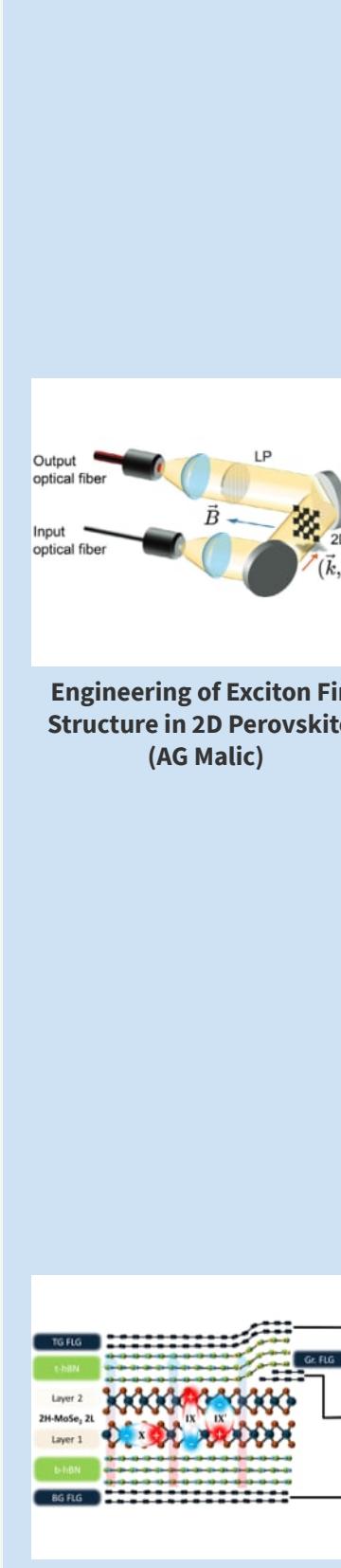


Arne Sjörgen PhD Award for Daniel Erkensten (AG Malic)

We congratulate Daniel Erkensten from the Ultrafast Quantum Dynamics group for obtaining the Arne Sjörgen Award for their best PhD thesis in nanoscience and nanotechnology at the University of Marburg, which is selecting the best PhD thesis from all natural science departments. The prize committee was very impressed by Daniel's work and scientific achievements, which resulted in several highly cited publications. Besides the recognition of his work, Daniel also obtains 3.000€ and will present the highlights of his thesis at a conference organized by the Nano Area of Advance.

Wir gratulieren Daniel Erkensten aus der Gruppe für ultraschnelle Quantendynamik zum Erhalt des Arne Sjörgen-Preises für die beste Doktorarbeit in Nanowissenschaften und -nanotechnologie an der Chalmers University im Jahr 2024. Der Preis wird von der Nano Area of Advance vergeben, die die besten Doktorarbeiten aus allen Naturwissenschaftlichen Fachbereichen auswählt. Das Preiskomitee war sehr beeindruckt von Daniels Arbeit und seinen wissenschaftlichen Leistungen die zu mehreren hochziertigen Veröffentlichungen geführt haben. Neben der Anerkennung seiner Arbeit erhält Daniel auch 3.000€ und wird die Highlights seiner Arbeit auf einer von der Nano Area of Advance organisierten Konferenz präsentieren.

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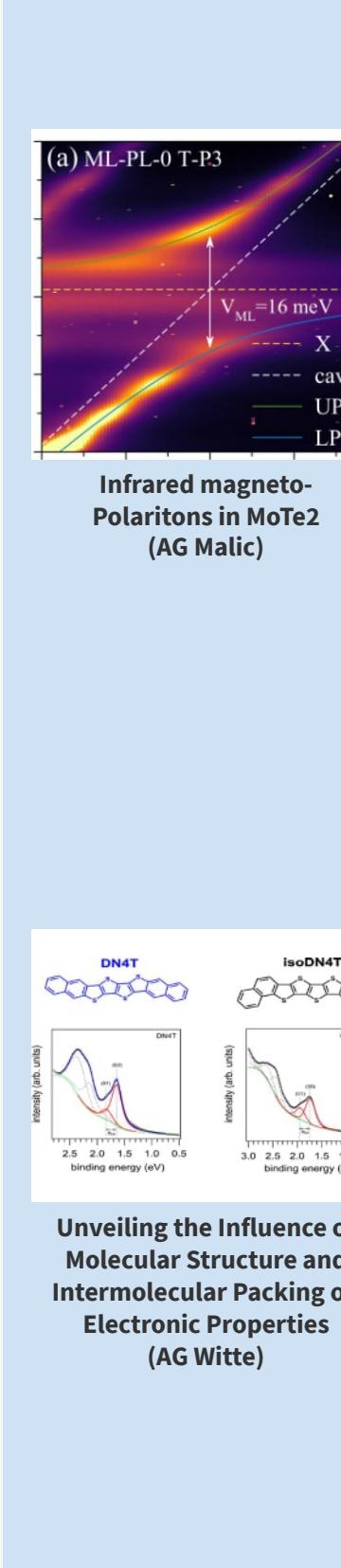


Habilitation of Roberto Rosati (AG Malic)

We congratulate Dr. Roberto Rosati on his habilitation with the topic "Two dimensional semiconductors: Optical and electronic properties", which he successfully defended at a public defense at the Elsevier Technik Campus. Roberto did his PhD thesis in 2014 in Politecnico di Torino in the group of Fausto Rossi. As postdoctoral researcher he has become an expert in the field of microscopic modeling of exciton transport in atomically thin semiconductors.

Wir gratulieren Dr. Roberto Rosati zu seiner Habilitation mit dem Thema „Two dimensional semiconductors: Optical and electronic properties“, die auch als Buchkapitel in der Elsevier-Sammlung „Comprehensive Semiconductor Science and Technology“ veröffentlicht wurde. Roberto machte seine Doktorarbeit in 2014 am Politecnico di Torino in der Gruppe von Fausto Rossi. Als Postdoktorand ist er Experte im Bereich der mikroskopischen Modellierung des Exzitonen-Transports in atomar dünnten Halbleitern geworden.

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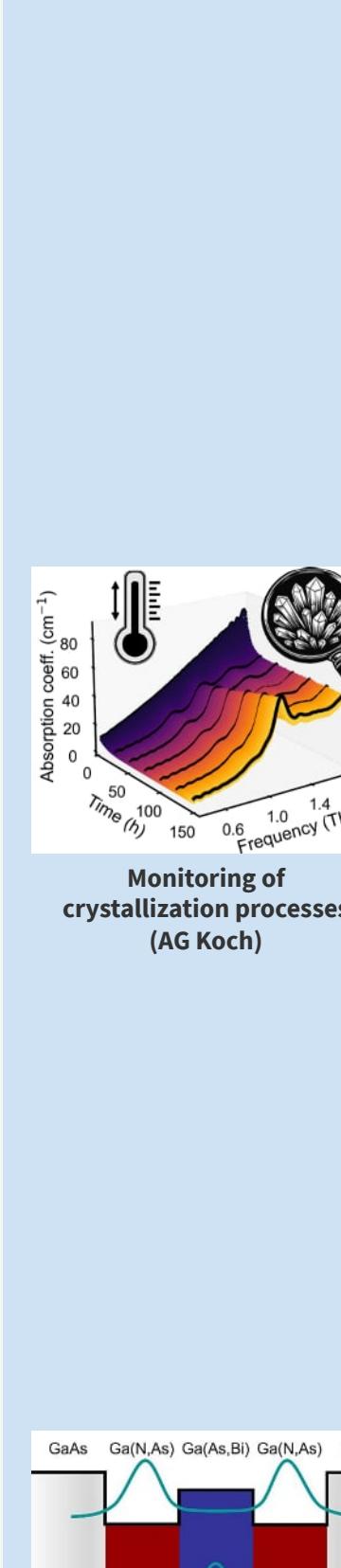
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New campus app

Did you know that the University of Marburg now has its own app? Information about your studies, simplified access to your email inbox and the University library's lending account, the mensa timetable, the timetables integrated from Marvin in your own calendar, individual links: The Uni Marburg app brings all of this together. Our PR team has created an account for the Department of Physics and will post our activities and events. Check it out!

Wusstest du schon, dass die Uni Marburg jetzt ihre eigene App hat? Informationen über eure Studien, vereinfachte Zugriff auf eure E-Mail-Postfach und das Lending-Account der Universitätsbibliothek, der Mensaplan, der aus Marvin integrierte Stundentundenplan im eigenen Kalender, individuelle Links: All das bildet die Uni Marburg-App. Die Werbegruppe hat nun dafür gesorgt, dass der Fachbereich Physik seit Anfang Februar dort auch am Start ist und wird über unsere Aktivitäten und Events posten.

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38th University Days of Physics - Event on quantum technologies (AG Malic)

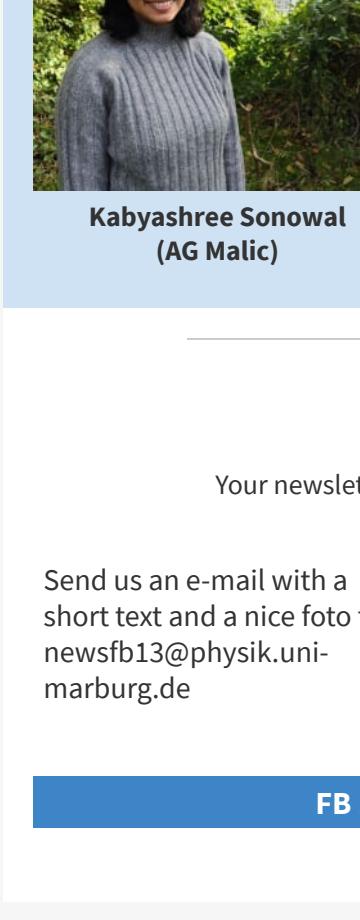
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Anlässlich des internationalen Jahres der Quantenphysik vom 12.-13.01.2024 fand die 38. Universitätstage der Physik an der Universität Marburg statt. Der Quantentechnologienfachbereich beleuchtete die grundlegenden Prinzipien, reale Anwendungen und zentralen Herausforderungen im Bereich Quantencomputing und Kommunikation. Die Veranstaltung zog ein breites Publikum an und konnte mit namhaften Referenten aufwarten, darunter Prof. Jens Eisert, ein führender Experte für Quantenalgorithmen, sowie Prof. Reinhard Noack, Prof. Rainer Müller, Prof. Gesche Poppeich und Prof. Stefan Heusler. Ein besonderes Highlight war Stefan Heuslers Verbindung zu Marburg als Urenkel von Friedrich Heusler, der mit seinen Entdeckungen über Heusler-Legierungen das wissenschaftliche Erbe der Region mit modernen Quantenmaterialien verbindet. Die rege Teilnahme und die engagierten Diskussionen verdeutlichen das wachsende Interesse an Quantentechnologien und deren Auswirkungen auf Wissenschaft und Industrie.

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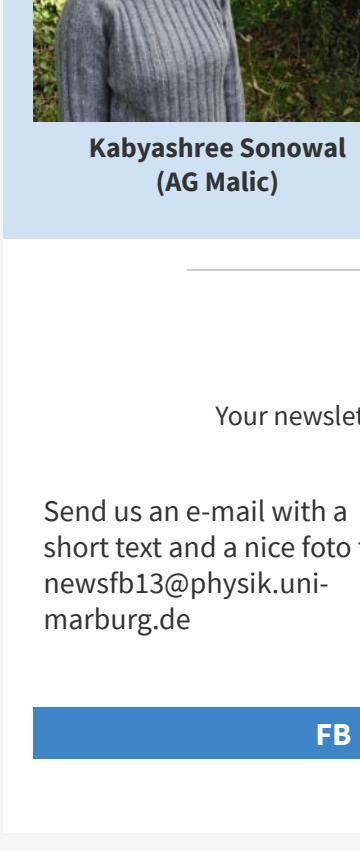


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Protocol writing workshop (AG Witte)

Summer party of the Physics department

We all know crystallization processes in our daily lives, such as the formation of ice or sugar crystals. However, the underlying mechanisms and possible influences on nucleation and crystal growth are still not fully understood. Moreover, crystallinity of a drug can play a crucial role in pharmaceutical research and industry. In this study, Prof. Koch developed a custom-built temperature-controlled measurement platform, which allows in-situ spectroscopic analysis of multiple samples with terahertz spectroscopy. These findings indicate that lattice constants introduced by organic spacers not significantly influence the exchange interaction between dark and bright excitons. This unique feature of 2D perovskites, not present in other semiconductors, offers a novel tuning mechanism for exciton control, making these materials highly promising for efficient light emitters and advanced quantum technologies. The work was published in *Advanced Energy Materials*.

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Philipp Schleicher (AG Witte)

Kavashyone Sonowal (AG Malic)

As part of the project "More (for) female physics students", a writing workshop will be offered on two Wednesdays in December together in Mainzer Gasse, after which they took a bus to Bad Hersfeld. The city is known for its festival and has a beautiful Christmas market in winter. A tour guide awaited them there for a Christmas tour of Bad Hersfeld.

Die Sekretärinnen des Fachbereichs Physik unternahmen im Dezember einen gemeinsamen Ausflug nach Bad Hersfeld. Der Tag begann mit einem gemeinsamem Frühstück in der Mainzer Gasse, danach ging es mit dem Bus nach Bad Hersfeld. Die Stadt ist bekannt für ihre Festspiele und hat im Winter einen schönen Weihnachtsmarkt. Dort erwartete sie ein Reiseleiter für eine weihnachtliche Stadtführung durch Bad Hersfeld.

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Research Highlights

Ultrafast nano-imaging of dark excitons (AG Malic)

The role and impact of spatial heterogeneity in two-dimensional quantum materials represents one of the major research quests regarding the future application of these materials in optoelectronics and quantum information science. In the case of transition-metal dichalcogenide heterostructures, in particular, direct access to heterogeneities in the dark-exciton landscape with nanometer spatial and ultrafast time resolution is highly desired, yet largely elusive. In this work, we report a breakthrough work by the group of Sofian Mehdias (Göttingen) and AG Malic, providing ultrafast dark-field momentum microscopy to spatio-temporally resolve dark-exciton formation dynamics in a twisted WS₂/MoS₂ heterostructure with 55 femtosecond time- and 500-nm spatial resolution. This allows us to directly map spatial heterogeneity in the electronic and excitonic structure, and to correlate these with the dark-exciton formation and relaxation dynamics. The benefits of simultaneous ultrafast nanoscale dark-field momentum microscopy and spectroscopy is groundbreaking for the present study, and opens the door to new types of experiments with unprecedented spectroscopic and spatiotemporal capabilities. The work was published in *Nature Photonics*.

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Engineering of Exciton Fine Structure in 2D Perovskites (AG Malic)

Quadrupolar excitons in MoSe₂ bilayers (AG Malic)

This joint experiment-theory work between Paulina Płochcka (CNRS, Toulouse) and AG Malic provides a comprehensive study of excitonic properties of 2D layered perovskites, with an emphasis on understanding and controlling the exciton fine structure. Through magneto-optical spectroscopic measurements (up to $B = 140$ T), scaling laws are established for excitation binding energy as a function of the band gap and the diamagnetic coefficient. As reported in the paper, the fine-tuning of the in-plane magnetic field, combined with organic spacers, can significantly influence the exchange interaction between dark and bright excitons. This unique feature of 2D perovskites, not present in other semiconductors, offers a novel tuning mechanism for exciton control, making these materials highly promising for efficient light emitters and advanced quantum technologies. This work was published in *Advanced Energy Materials*.

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Lithiated polymer coating for interface stabilization in solid-state batteries (AG Voltz)

Infrared magnetooptical Polaritons in MoTe₂ (AG Malic)

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Monitoring of crystallization processes (AG Koch)

Correlation of interface structure and optical properties (AG Voltz)

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Unveiling the influence of molecular structure and intermolecular packing on electronic properties (AG Witte)

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Die Camera Obscura wird von freiwilligen Helfern bei geringem Wetter an den Wochenenden und Feiertagen zwischen April und Oktober betrieben und zieht jährlich etwa 2.500 Besucher an. Der Betrieb der Camera Obscura ist eine einfache Optik die Umgebung lichtstrahl auf eine Platte mit einem Durchmesser von 1,20m abgebildet. Den Besuchern eröffnet sich so ein detaillierter Blick auf die ganze Oberstadt. Seit der Inbetriebnahme im Jahr 2