

Module No.:  
Credit Points (CP):  
Category:  
Semester:

physics70c  
3-7  
Elective  
1.-2.

## Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

### Module Elements:

Nr.	Course Title	Number	CP	Type	Workload	Sem.
1.	Selected courses from catalogue type "T" (Theoretical)	see catalogue	5-7	see catalogue	150-210 hrs	WT/ST
2.	Also possible classes from M.Sc. in Astrophysics					

### Requirements for Participation:

none

### Form of Examination:

see with the course

### Content:

Advanced lectures in theoretical physics

### Aims/Skills:

Preparation for Master's Thesis work; broadening of scientific knowledge

### Course achievement/Criteria for awarding cp's:

see with the course

**Length of Module:** 1 or 2 semester

**Maximum Number of Participants:** ca. 100

### Registration Procedure:

s. <https://basis.uni-bonn.de> u. <http://bamawww.physik.uni-bonn.de>

Note: The student must achieve at least 18 CP out of all 4 Elective Advanced Modules

**Modules:**

physics70a **Elective Advanced Lectures: Experimental Physics**  
 physics70c **Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics**

**Course:****Ultracold Atomic Gases (E/T)**

Course No.: physics742

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+1	6	WT

**Requirements for Participation:****Preparation:**

Quantum Mechanics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Requirements for the examination (written or oral): successful work with the exercises

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

This lecture discusses both the experimental and theoretical concepts of ultra-cold atomic gases.

**Contents of the Course:**

Almost hundred years ago, in 1924, A. Einstein and S.N. Bose predicted the existence of a new state of matter, the so-called Bose-Einstein condensate. It took 70 years to successfully realize this macroscopic quantum state in the lab using ultracold atomic gases (Nobel prize 2001). The main challenge was to achieve cooling to Nanokelvin temperatures, the coolest temperatures ever reached by mankind. Nowadays, ultracold gases are exciting systems to study a broad range of quantum phenomena. These phenomena range from the direct observation of quantum matter waves and superfluidity over the creation of artificial crystal structures as analogous to solids, to the realization of complex quantum phase transitions of interacting atoms, e.g. the formation of a bosonic Mott-insulator or the BCS superconducting state for Fermions. In this lecture we will discuss both the experimental and theoretical concepts of ultra-cold atomic gases.

Outline: Introduction and revision of basic concepts, Fundamentals of atom-laser interaction  
 Laser cooling & trapping, Bose-Einstein condensation of atomic gases. Dynamics of Bose-Einstein condensates

Optical lattices: strongly interacting atomic gases and quantum phase transitions

The crossover of Fermi-gases between a BCS superconducting state and a Bose-Einstein condensate of molecules.

**Recommended Literature:**

C. J. Pethick and H. Smith, Bose-Einstein Condensation in Dilute Gases (Cambridge University Press)

**Modules:**

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 Physics

**Course:****Group Theory (T)**

**Course No.:** physics751

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	WT

**Requirements for Participation:****Preparation:**

physik421 (Quantum Mechanics)

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Requirements for the examination (written): successful work with the

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Acquisition of mathematical foundations of group theory with regard to applications in theoretical physics

**Contents of the Course:**

Mathematical foundations:

Finite groups, Lie groups and Lie algebras, highest weight representations, classification of simple Lie algebras, Dynkin diagrams, tensor products and Young tableaux, spinors, Clifford algebras, Lie super algebras

**Recommended Literature:**

B. G. Wybourne; Classical Groups for Physicists (J. Wiley & Sons 1974)  
 H. Georgi; Lie Algebras in Particle Physics (Perseus Books 2. Aufl. 1999)  
 W. Fulton, J. Harris; Representation Theory (Springer, New York 1991)

# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

## Course: Superstring Theory (T)

Course No.: physics752

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	WT

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Quantum Field Theory (physics755)

Group Theory (physics751)

Advanced Theoretical Physics (physics607) / Advanced Quantum Field Theory (physics7501)

Theoretical Particle Physics (physics615)

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Requirements for the examination (written): successful work with the exercises

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Survey of modern string theory as a candidate of a unified theory in regard to current research

### Contents of the Course:

Bosonic String Theory, Elementary Conformal Field Theory

Kaluza-Klein Theory

Crash Course in Supersymmetry

Superstring Theory

Heterotic String Theory

Compactification, Duality, D-Branes

M-Theory

### Recommended Literature:

D. Lüst, S. Theisen; Lectures on String Theory (Springer, New York 1989)

S. Förste; Strings, Branes and Extra Dimensions, Fortsch. Phys. 50 (2002) 221, hep-th/0110055

C. Johnson, D-Brane Primer (Cambridge University Press 2003)

M. Green, J. Schwarz, E. Witten; Superstring Theory I & II (Cambridge University Press 1988)

H.P. Nilles, Supersymmetry and phenomenology (Phys. Repts. 110 C (1984) 1)

J. Polchinski; String Theory I & II (Cambridge University Press 2005)

# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

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## Course: Theoretical Particle Astrophysics (T)

Course No.: physics753

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	ST

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

General Relativity and Cosmology (physics754)  
Quantum Field Theory (physics755)  
Theoretical Particle Physics (physics615)

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Requirements for the examination (written): successful work with the exercises

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Introduction to the current status at the interface of particle physics and cosmology

### Contents of the Course:

Topics on the interface of cosmology and particle physics:  
Inflation and the cosmic microwave background;  
baryogenesis,  
Dark Matter,  
nucleosynthesis  
the cosmology and astrophysics of neutrinos

### Recommended Literature:

J. Peacock, Cosmological Physics (Cambridge University Press 1998)  
E. Kolb, M. Turner; The Early Universe (Addison Wesley 1990)

**Modules:**

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 Physics

**Course:**

## General Relativity and Cosmology (T)

**Course No.:** physics754

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	ST

**Requirements for Participation:****Preparation:**

physik221 and physik321 (Theoretical Physics I and II)  
 Differential geometry

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Requirements for the examination (written): successful work with the exercises

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Understanding the general theory of relativity and its cosmological implications

**Contents of the Course:**

Relativity principle  
 Gravitation in relativistic mechanics  
 Curvilinear coordinates  
 Curvature and energy-momentum tensor  
 Einstein-Hilbert action and the equations of the gravitational field  
 Black holes  
 Gravitational waves  
 Time evolution of the universe  
 Friedmann-Robertson-Walker solutions

**Recommended Literature:**

S. Weinberg; Gravitation and Cosmology (J. Wiley & Sons 1972)  
 R. Sexl; Gravitation und Kosmologie, Eine Einführung in die Allgemeine Relativitätstheorie (Spektrum Akadem. Verlag 5. Aufl 2002)  
 L.D. Landau, E.M. Lifschitz; Course of Theoretical Physics Vol.2: Classical field theory (Butterworth-Heinemann 1995), also available in German from publisher Harry Deutsch

**Modules:**

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**Course:****Quantum Field Theory (T)**

**Course No.:** physics755

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	ST

**Requirements for Participation:****Preparation:**

Advanced quantum theory (physics606)

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Requirements for the examination (written): successful work with the exercises

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Understanding quantum field theoretical methods, ability to compute processes in quantum electrodynamics (QED) and many particle systems

**Contents of the Course:**

Classical field theory  
 Quantization of free fields  
 Path integral formalism  
 Perturbation theory  
 Methods of regularization: Pauli-Villars, dimensional  
 Renormalizability  
 Computation of Feynman diagrams  
 Transition amplitudes in QED  
 Applications in many particle systems

**Recommended Literature:**

N. N. Bogoliubov, D.V. Shirkov; Introduction to the theory of quantized fields (J. Wiley & Sons 1959)  
 M. Kaku, Quantum Field Theory (Oxford University Press 1993)  
 M. E. Peskin, D.V. Schroeder; An Introduction to Quantum Field Theory (Harper Collins Publ. 1995)  
 L. H. Ryder; Quantum Field Theory (Cambridge University Press 1996)  
 S. Weinberg; The Quantum Theory of Fields (Cambridge University Press 1995)

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## Critical Phenomena (T)

Course No.: physics756

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	ST

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Advanced quantum theory (physics606)  
Theoretical condensed matter physics (physics617)

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Requirements for the examination (written): successful work with the exercises

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Acquisition of important methods to treat critical phenomena

### Contents of the Course:

Mean Field Approximation and its Improvements  
Critical Behaviour at Surfaces  
Statistics of Polymers  
Concept of a Tomonaga-Luttinger Fluid  
Random Systems  
Phase Transitions, Critical Exponents  
Scale Behaviour, Conformal Field Theory  
Special Topics of Nanoscopic Physics

### Recommended Literature:

J. Cardy, Scaling and Renormalization in Statistical Physics (Cambridge University Press, 1996)  
A. O. Gogolin, A. A. Nersisyan, A.N.Tsvelik; Bosonisation and strongly correlated systems (Cambridge University Press, 1998)



# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

## Course: Effective Field Theory (T)

Course No.: physics757

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	WT/ST

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Advanced quantum theory (physics606)  
Quantum Field Theory (physics755)

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Requirements for the examination (written): successful work with the exercises

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Understanding basic properties and construction of Effective Field Theories, ability to perform calculations in Effective Field Theories

### Contents of the Course:

Scales in physical systems, naturalness  
Effective Quantum Field Theories  
Renormalization Group, Universality  
Construction of Effective Field Theories  
Applications: effective field theories for physics beyond the Standard Model, heavy quarks, chiral dynamics, low-energy nuclear physics, ultracold atoms

### Recommended Literature:

S. Weinberg; The Quantum Theory of Fields (Cambridge University Press 1995)  
J.F. Donoghue et al.; Dynamics of the Standard Model (Cambridge University Press 1994)  
A.V. Manohar, M.B. Wise; Heavy Quark Physics (Cambridge University Press 2007)  
P. Ramond, Journeys Beyond The Standard Model (Westview Press 2003)  
D.B. Kaplan, Effective Field Theories (arXiv:nucl-th/9506035)  
E. Braaten, H.-W. Hammer; Universality in Few-Body Systems with Large Scattering Length (Phys. Rep. 428 (2006) 259)

# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

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## Course: Quantum Chromodynamics (T)

Course No.: physics758

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	WT/ST

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Advanced quantum theory (physics606)  
Quantum Field Theory (physics755)

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Requirements for the examination (written): successful work with the exercises

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Understanding basic properties of Quantum Chromodynamics, ability to compute strong interaction processes

### Contents of the Course:

Quantum Chromodynamics as a Quantum Field Theory  
Perturbative Quantum Chromodynamics  
Topological objects: instantons etc.  
Large N expansion  
Lattice Quantum Chromodynamics  
Effective Field Theories of Quantum Chromodynamics  
Flavor physics (light and heavy quarks)

### Recommended Literature:

S. Weinberg; The Quantum Theory of Fields (Cambridge University Press 1995)  
M.E. Peskin, D.V. Schroeder; An Introduction to Quantum Field Theory (Westview Press 1995)  
F.J. Yndurain; The Theory of Quark and Gluon Interactions (Springer 2006)  
J.F. Donoghue et al.; Dynamics of the Standard Model (Cambridge University Press 1994)  
E. Leader and E. Predazzi; An Introduction to Gauge Theories and Modern Particle Physics (Cambridge University Press 1996)

# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

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## Quantum Field Theory for Condensed Matter Physics (T)

Course No.: physics759a

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	WT

**Requirements for Participation:**

Quantum Mechanics (physik421)

Thermodynamics and Statistical Physics (physik521)

**Preparation:**

Elementary condensed matter physics (physik411 or similar)

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Requirements for the examination (written or oral): successful work with the exercises

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Knowledge of quantum field theory of interacting many-body systems at finite temperature

Knowledge of quantum field theory for non-equilibrium systems

Ability to construct and evaluate perturbation theory using Feynman diagrams

Basic understanding of problems of open quantum systems

**Contents of the Course:**

Fock space and occupation-number representation for bosons and fermions (if not yet familiar)

Elementary linear response theory

Quantum field theory at finite temperature: functional integral formulation

Green's functions: analytical properties and their relation to observable quantities

Perturbation theory in thermodynamic equilibrium: Feynman diagrams, Matsubara technique

Kondo effect and renormalization group

Quantum field theory away from thermodynamic equilibrium: Schwinger-Keldysh functional integral

Perturbation theory away from equilibrium: Keldysh technique

Open and driven-dissipative quantum systems: Lindblad formalism

**Recommended Literature:**

A. Kamenev, Field Theory of Non-Equilibrium Systems, 2nd edition, Cambridge University Press (2023).

G. Stefanucci, R. van Leeuwen, Nonequilibrium Many-Body Theory of Quantum Systems, A Modern Introduction, Cambridge University Press (2013).

H.-P. Breuer, F. Petruccione, The Theory of Open Quantum Systems, Oxford University Press (2002, reprinted 2010).

P. Coleman, Introduction to Many-Body Physics, Cambridge University Press (2015, reprinted 2017).

# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

Course:  universität**bonn**

## Advanced Quantum Field Theory for Condensed Matter Physics (T)

Course No.: physics759b

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	ST

### Requirements for Participation:

Quantum Field Theory for Condensed Matter Physics (physics759a)

### Preparation:

Special interest in theoretical condensed matter physics and mathematical physics

### Form of Testing and Examination:

Requirements for the examination (written or oral): successful work with the exercises

### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Knowledge of advanced methods for evaluating quantum field theories

Knowledge of advanced models of quantum many-body systems

### Contents of the Course:

Selected topics of modern theoretical condensed matter field theory, for example:

Formalism of generating functionals

Luttinger-Ward identities and conserving approximations

Bosonization

Dynamical Mean-Field Theory (DMFT)

Disordered systems and Anderson localization

Applications of field-theoretic methods to specific models

### Recommended Literature:

A. Kamenev, Field Theory of Non-Equilibrium Systems, 2nd edition, Cambridge University Press (2023).

G. Stefanucci, R. van Leeuwen, Nonequilibrium Many-Body Theory of Quantum Systems, A Modern Introduction, Cambridge University Press (2013).

P. Coleman, Introduction to Many-Body Physics, Cambridge University Press (2015, reprinted 2017).

Th. Giamarchi, Quantum Physics in One Dimension, Oxford University Press (2004).

**Modules:**

ECThPhysics **Elective Courses Theoretical Physics**  
 physics70c **Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics**

**Course:****Computational Physics (T)**

**Course No.:** physics760

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises and project work	English	2+2+1	7	WT/ST

**Requirements for Participation:**

Knowledge of a modern programming language (like C, C++)

**Preparation:**

Theoretical courses at the Bachelor degree level

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

successful participation in exercises,  
 presentation of an independently completed project

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

ability to apply modern computational methods for solving physics problems

**Contents of the Course:**

Statistical Models, Likelihood, Bayesian and Bootstrap Methods  
 Random Variable Generation  
 Stochastic Processes  
 Monte-Carlo methods  
 Markov-Chain Monte-Carlo

**Recommended Literature:**

W.H. Press et al.: Numerical Recipes in C (Cambridge University Press)  
<http://library.lanl.gov/numerical/index.html>  
 C.P. Robert and G. Casella: Monte Carlo Statistical Methods (Springer 2004)  
 Tao Pang: An Introduction to Computational Physics (Cambridge University Press)  
 Vesely, Franz J.: Computational Physics: An Introduction (Springer)  
 Binder, Kurt and Heermann, Dieter W.: Monte Carlo Simulation in Statistical Physics (Springer)  
 Fehske, H.; Schneider, R.; Weisse, A.: Computational Many-Particle Physics (Springer)

# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

## Course: Supersymmetry (T)

Course No.: physics761

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+1	6	WT/ST

### Requirements for Participation:

Quantum Field Theory I

### Preparation:

### Form of Testing and Examination:

Individual Oral Examinations

### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Teach the students the basics of supersymmetric field theory and how it can be tested at the LHC.

### Contents of the Course:

Superfields; Supersymmetric Lagrangians; MSSM; Testing the MSSM at the LHC

### Recommended Literature:

Theory and phenomenology of sparticles: An account of four-dimensional  $N=1$  supersymmetry in high energy physics.

M. Drees, (Bonn U.) , R. Godbole, (Bangalore, Indian Inst. Sci.) , P. Roy, (Tata Inst.) . 2004. 555pp. Hackensack, USA: World Scientific (2004) 555 p.

Weak scale supersymmetry: From superfields to scattering events.

H. Baer, (Florida State U.) , X. Tata, (Hawaii U.) . 2006. 537pp.

Cambridge, UK: Univ. Pr. (2006) 537 p.

# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

Course:  universität**bonn**

## Transport in mesoscopic systems (T)

Course No.: physics762

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	2+1	5	WT/ST

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Classical mechanics  
Elementary thermodynamics and statistical physics (physik521)  
Advanced quantum theory (physics606)  
Introductory theoretical condensed matter physics (physics617)

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Requirements for the examination (written or oral); successful work with the exercises

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Understanding essential transport phenomena in solids and mesoscopic systems  
Acquisition of important methods for treating transport problems

### Contents of the Course:

Linear response theory  
Disordered and ballistic systems  
Semiclassical approximation  
Introduction to quantum chaos theory, chaos and integrability in classical and quantum mechanics  
Elements of random matrix theory  
Specific problems of mesoscopic transport (weak localization, universal conductance fluctuations, shot noise, spin-dependent transport, etc.)  
Quantum field theory away from thermodynamic equilibrium

### Recommended Literature:

K. Richter, Semiclassical Theory of Mesoscopic Quantum Systems, Springer, 2000  
(<http://www.physik.uni-regensburg.de/forschung/richter/richter/pages/research/springer-tracts-161.pdf>)  
M. Brack, R. K. Bhaduri, Semiclassical Physics, Westview Press, 2003  
S. Datta, Electronic Transport in Mesoscopic Systems, Cambridge University Press, 1995  
M. C. Gutzwiller, Chaos in Classical and Quantum Mechanics, Springer, New York, 1990  
F. Haake, Quantum signatures of chaos, Springer, 2001  
M. L. Mehta, Random matrices, Elsevier, 2004  
J. Imry, Introduction to mesoscopic physics, Oxford University Press  
Th. Giamarchi, The physics of one-dimensional systems, Oxford University Press

# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

## Course: Advanced Topics in String Theory (T)

Course No.: physics763

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	ST

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Quantum Field Theory (physics755)  
Group Theory (physics751)  
Advanced Theoretical Physics (physics607) / Advanced Quantum Field Theory (physics7501)  
Theoretical Particle Physics (physics615)  
Superstring Theory (physics752)

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

active participation in exercises, written examination

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Detailed discussion of modern string theory as a candidate of a unified theory in regard to current research

### Contents of the Course:

Realistic compactifications  
Interactions  
Effective actions  
Heterotic strings in four dimensions  
Intersecting D-branes

### Recommended Literature:

D. Lüst, S. Theisen: Lectures on String Theory (Springer, New York 1989)  
S. Förste: Strings, Branes and Extra Dimensions, Fortsch. Phys. 50 (2002) 221, hep-th/0110055  
C. Johnson: D-Brane Primer (Cambridge University Press 2003)  
M. Green, J. Schwarz, E. Witten: Superstring Theory I & II (Cambridge University Press 1988)  
H.P. Nilles: Supersymmetry and Phenomenology (Phys. Reps. 110C (1984)1)  
J. Polchinski: String Theory I & II (Cambridge University Press 2005)



# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

## Course: Advanced Topics in Field and String Theory (T)

Course No.: physics764

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	ST

### Requirements for Participation:

Prerequisite knowledge of Quantum Field Theory, Superstring Theory, and General Relativity is helpful.

### Preparation:

Quantum Field Theory (physics755)

Advanced Theoretical Physics (physics607) / Advanced Quantum Field Theory (physics7501)

Superstring Theory (physics752)

### Form of Testing and Examination:

active participation in exercises, oral or written examination

### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

An introduction into modern topics in Mathematical High Energy Physics in regard to current research areas

### Contents of the Course:

String and Supergravity Theories in various dimensions

Dualities in Field Theory and String Theory

Topological Field Theories and Topological Strings

Large N dualities and integrability

### Recommended Literature:

Selected review articles on arXiv.org [hep-th]

J. Polchinski: String Theory I & II

S. Weinberg: Quantum Theory of Fields

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Module No.: physics70c

## Course: Advanced Topics in Quantum Field Theory (T)

Course No.: physics765

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	ST

### Requirements for Participation:

Prerequisite knowledge of Quantum Field Theory

### Preparation:

Quantum Field Theory (physics755)

Advanced Theoretical Physics (physics607) / Advanced Quantum Field Theory (physics7501)

### Form of Testing and Examination:

active participation in exercises, oral or written examination

### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Covers advanced topics in Quantum Field Theory that are relevant for current developments in the field.

### Contents of the Course:

TBA

### Recommended Literature:

Selected articles on arXiv.org [hep-th]

TBA

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## Course: Physics of Higgs Bosons (T)

Course No.: physics766

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	WT

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Theoretical Particle Physics (physics615)

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Requirement for the examination (written or oral): successful participation in the exercises

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Understanding the physics of electroweak symmetry breaking, and the interpretations of the recently discovered signals for the existence of a Higgs boson

### Contents of the Course:

Spontaneous symmetry breaking  
The Higgs mechanism  
The Higgs boson of the Standard Model  
Experimental situation  
Extended Higgs sectors  
Precision calculations

### Recommended Literature:

J. Gunion, H.E. Haber, G.L. Kane and S. Dawson: The Higgs Hunter's Guide (Frontiers of Physics, 2000)  
A. Djouadi: Anatomy of Electroweak Symmetry Breaking I (Phys. Rep. 457 (2008) 1, hep-ph/0503173)  
A. Djouadi: Anatomy of Electroweak Symmetry Breaking II (Phys. Rep. 459 (2008) 1, hep-ph/0504090)

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## Computational Methods in Condensed Matter Theory (T)

Course No.: physics767

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	WT/ST

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Quantum Field Theory (physics755)  
Advanced Theoretical Physics (physics607) / Advanced Quantum Field Theory (physics7501)  
Advanced Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics (physics638)

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Active participation in exercises, written examination

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Detailed discussion of computational tools in modern condensed matter theory

### Contents of the Course:

Exact Diagonalization (ED)  
Quantum Monte Carlo (QMC)  
(Stochastic) Series expansion (SSE)  
Density Matrix Renormalization (DMRG)  
Dynamical Mean Field theory (DMFT)

### Recommended Literature:

will be given in the lecture

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## General Relativity for Experimentalists (T)

Course No.: physics768

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	WT/ST

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Theoretische Physik I & II, Analysis I & II

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Weekly homework sets (50% required), Final exam

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

The students shall learn the basics of general relativity and be able to apply it to applications such as experimental tests of GR, GPS, astrophysical objects and simple issues in cosmology.

### Contents of the Course:

Review of special relativity  
Curved spacetime of GR  
Experimental tests of GR  
GPS  
Black holes  
Gravitational waves  
Introductory cosmology

### Recommended Literature:

GRAVITY, by James Hartle  
A FIRST COURSE IN GENERAL RELATIVITY, by Bernard Schutz  
EXPLORING BLACK HOLES, by Taylor and Wheeler

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## Course: Lattice QCD (T)

Course No.: physics769

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	ST/WT

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Quantum Mechanics 1+2, Quantum Field Theory 1

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Written / oral examination

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

To give an introduction to the quantum field theory on the lattice

### Contents of the Course:

- Introduction: Quantum mechanics on the lattice
- Numerical algorithms
- Spin systems on the lattice: The Ising model
- Scalar field theory on the lattice: Discretization; Perturbation theory; Continuum limit
- Gauge fields: Link variables; Plaquette action; Wilson loop and confinement
- Fermions on the lattice: Fermion doubling; Different formulations for lattice fermions; Axial anomaly; Chiral fermions
- Use of Effective Field Theory methods: Extrapolation in the quark masses; Resonances in a finite volume

### Recommended Literature:

J. Smit, Introduction to quantum fields on a lattice: A robust mate, Cambridge Lect. Notes Phys. (2002)

I. Montvay and G. Münster, Quantum Fields on a Lattice, Cambridge Monographs on Mathematical Physics, Cambridge University Press 1994

C. Gattlinger and Ch. Lang, Quantum Chromodynamics on the Lattice: An Introductory Presentation Series: Lecture Notes in Physics, Vol. 788

H.J. Rothe, Lattice Gauge Theories: An Introduction, World Scientific, (2005)

**Modules:**

ECThPhysics **Elective Courses Theoretical Physics**  
 physics70c **Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics**

**Course:**

# Advanced Quantum Field Theory (T)

**Course No.:** physics7501

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	WT

**Requirements for Participation:****Preparation:**

3-year theoretical physics course with extended interest in theoretical physics and mathematics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Requirements for the module examination (written examination): successful work with exercises

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Introduction to modern methods and developments in Theoretical Physics in regard to current research

**Contents of the Course:**

Selected Topics in Modern Theoretical Physics for example:

Anomalies

Solitons and Instantons

Quantum Fluids

Bosonization

Renormalization Group

Bethe Ansatz

Elementary Supersymmetry

Gauge Theories and Differential Forms

Applications of Group Theory

**Recommended Literature:**

M. Nakahara; Geometry, Topology and Physics (Institute of Physics Publishing, London 2nd Ed. 2003)

R. Rajaraman; Solitons and Instantons, An Introduction to Solitons and Instantons in Quantum Field Theory (North Holland Personal Library, Amsterdam 3rd reprint 2003)

A. M. Tsvelik; Quantum Field Theory in Condensed Matter Physics (Cambridge University Press 2nd Ed. 2003)

A. Zee; Quantum Field Theory in a Nutshell (Princeton University Press 2003)

# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

## Course: Random Walks and Diffusion (T)

Course No.: physics7502

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	1+1	3	ST

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Quantum mechanics and Thermodynamics

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Requirements for the (written or oral) examination: Successful work within the exercises

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

The aim of the course is to introduce the student to random processes and their application to diffusion phenomena

### Contents of the Course:

Basics of probability theory, Master equation and Langevin equation, Law of large numbers and Central Limit Theorem, First passage problems, Large scale dynamics, Dynamical scaling.

### Recommended Literature:

Will be announced in the first lecture



# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

Course:  universität**bonn**

## Selected Topics in Modern Condensed Matter Theory (T)

Course No.: physics7503

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	WT

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

- + Introductory Condensed Matter Theory
- + Quantum Mechanics
- + Statistical Physics

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

oral or written examination

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Knowledge of topics of contemporary condensed matter research  
Knowledge of theoretical methods of condensed matter physics

### Contents of the Course:

Covers topics and methods of contemporary research, such as

- + Feynman diagram technique
- + Phase transitions and critical phenomena
- + Topological aspects of phenomena in condensed matter physics

### Recommended Literature:

R. D. Mattuck, A Guide to Feynman Diagrams in the Many-Body Problem  
N. Goldenfeld, Lectures on Phase Transitions and the Renormalization Group  
B. A. Bernevig, Topological Insulators and Topological Superconductors

The course can be taken in parallel to physics617 Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics.

# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

Course:  universität**bonn**

## Theory of Superconductivity and Superfluidity (T)

Course No.: physics7504

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	2+1	5	WT/ST

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Quantum Mechanics, Thermodynamics and Statistics, Quantum Field Theory

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Requirements for the (written or oral) examination: Successful participation in the exercises

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

The goal of the course is to introduce students to the theory of superconductivity and superfluidity.

### Contents of the Course:

Phenomenological theory of basic superconductivity, type I and type II superconductivity, vortices and their dynamics, Meissner-Ochsenfeld Effekt, microscopic theory of superconductivity: Gor'kov equation, BCS theory, Migdal theorem, strong coupling theory of superconductivity: Eliashberg equation, Andreev scattering, Josephson effect, Anderson theorem: impurity scattering, Collective excitations in superconductors and superfluids, Anderson (Higgs) mechanism for the mass generation. Superfluidity in  $^3\text{He}$ , superconductivity in heavy fermion compounds, high temperature superconductivity and open questions.

### Recommended Literature:

Will be announced in the first lecture

## Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

Course:  universität**bonn**

## High performance computing: Modern computer architectures and applications in the physical science (T)

Course No.: physics7505

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture	English	2	3	WT/ST

### Requirements for Participation:

Knowledge of a modern programming language like C/C++

### Preparation:

### Form of Testing and Examination:

oral examination

### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Understanding principles of modern computer architectures and their usage and programming for scientific problems

### Contents of the Course:

Computer architectures and system components (CPU, memory, network)

Software environment

Parallel architectures and parallel programming paradigms (MPI, OpenMP/threads)

High Performance Computing

### Recommended Literature:

John L. Hennessy, David A. Patterson: Computer Architecture - A Quantitative Approach. Morgan Kaufmann Publishers, 2012

David A. Patterson, John L. Hennessy: Computer Organization and Design - The Hardware / Software Interface. Morgan Kaufmann Publishers, 2013

W.H. Press et al.: Numerical Recipes in C (Cambridge University Press)

Message Passing Interface Forum: MPI: A Message-Passing Interface Standard, Version 3.1

OpenMP Application Programming Interface, Version 4.5, November 2015

# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

Course:  universität**bonn**

## Quark Distributions Functions (T)

Course No.: physics7506

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture	English	2	3	WT

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Quantum Field Theory (physics755 or equivalent)

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

oral examination

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

By the end of the course, the student should be able to understand the formal parton model, renormalization of parton distributions, and current attempts to compute them on the lattice.

### Contents of the Course:

Deep Inelastic Scattering; The Operator Product Expansion; Basics of the parton model; The formal parton model; Quark distributions and quasi-quark distributions; One loop corrections and renormalization; Lattice attempts to compute PDF

### Recommended Literature:

Elliot Leader, Enrico Predazzi: An introduction to gauge theories and modern particle physics. Cambridge Monographs on Particle physics, Nuclear Physics and Cosmology 1996.

John Collins: Foundations of Perturbative QCD.

Cambridge Monographs on Particle physics, Nuclear Physics and Cosmology 2011.

Anthony W. Thomas, Wolfram Weise: The Structure of the Nucleon. Wiley-VCH Verlag Berlin 2001.

R. K. Ellis, W. J. Stirling, B. R. Webber: QCD and Collider Physics.

Cambridge Monographs on Particle physics, Nuclear Physics and Cosmology 2003.

# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

Course:  universität **bonn**

## Theory of Quantum Magnetism (T)

Course No.: physics7507

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	2+1	4	ST

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Quantum mechanics, Thermodynamics and Statistics, Quantum Field Theory

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

- (1) form of examination: written or oral
- (2) requirement for participation in examination: successful participation in exercises

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

The goal of the course is to introduce students to advanced concepts in the theory of magnetism.

### Contents of the Course:

Phenomenological theory of magnetism, spin exchange, ferro and anti-ferro magnetism, classically frustrated systems (Kagome lattice). Representations of spin algebras: Dyson-Maleev, Holstein, Primakov, Schwinger bosons, spin coherent states, spin path integral, non-linear sigma models, quantum phase transition, Bereshinski-Kosterlitz-Thouless transition, Haldane gap, frustrated magnets, valence bond states, spin liquids, quantum Heisenberg model (two dimensional, Kagome, pyrochlore lattice) Exactly solvable models (transfer matrix) Ising model. Exactly solvable models (Bethe Ansatz): XXZ model, Kondo model. Open problems in quantum magnetism.

### Recommended Literature:

Will be announced in the first lecture

# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

## Course: Quantum Computing (T)

Course No.: physics7508

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	WT/ST

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Theoretical courses at the Bachelor degree level

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

written / oral examination

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Understand the theory of quantum computing and apply it to existing hardware.

### Contents of the Course:

- Quantum circuits
- Quantum algorithms
- Quantum computers
- Quantum noise and quantum operations
- Quantum error correction

### Recommended Literature:

M. A. Nielsen and I. L. Chuang, Quantum Computation and Quantum Information, Cambridge

# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

## Course: Advanced Topics in Particle and Astroparticle Physics (T)

Course No.: physics7509

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	WT/ST

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

physics615 and physics711 strongly recommended, a course on General Relativity (e.g. physics754) would also be helpful.

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Biweekly Homework Sheets + Final Written Exam

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

To gain knowledge in Cosmological Perturbations, Axion physics, Dark Messenger physics/dark photons.

### Contents of the Course:

- 1) Cosmological perturbations and effect on the CMB
- 2) Axions: Theory and Detection
- 3) Dark Photons: Theory and Detection

### Recommended Literature:

- 1) Introduction to the Theory of the Early Universe, Vol. II (Cosmological perturbations and Inflationary Theory) by Gorbunov and Rubakov [World Scientific], Modern Cosmology (Elsevier) 2
- 2) Modern Cosmology, Scott Dodelson (1st edition, 2003)
- 3) Various reviews on axions and dark photons.

# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

## Course: QCD at colliders (T)

Course No.: physics7510

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+2	7	WT

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Quantum Field Theory (physics755)

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Requirements for the examination (written): successful work with the exercises.

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Understanding how to use perturbative quantum chromodynamics to perform calculations for collider experiments in modern high-energy physics.

### Contents of the Course:

Quantum chromodynamics (QCD): quarks, gluons and the strong coupling constant  
 Tree-level scattering amplitudes: Feynman rules, modern methods for scattering amplitudes (BCFW recursion, scattering equations, ...)  
 Infrared divergences (collinear and soft singularities).  
 Loop corrections in QCD.  
 Cancellation of infrared divergences.  
 Parton model and parton distribution functions.  
 Modern methods for multi-loop computations.

### Recommended Literature:

B. Webber, J. Stirling, R. K. Ellis; QCD and Collider Physics (Cambridge University Press 1996).  
 J. Campbell, J. Houston, F. Krauss; The Black Book of Quantum Chromodynamics: A Primer for the LHC Era (Oxford University Press 2017).  
 M. Peskin, D. V. Schroeder: An introduction to Quantum Field Theory (CRC Press 1995).  
 J. C. Plefka, J. M. Henn, Scattering Amplitudes in Gauge Theories (Springer 2014).  
 H. Elvang, Y.-T. Huang, Scattering Amplitudes in Gauge Theory and Gravity (Cambridge University Press 2015).



# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

Course:  universität**bonn**

## Introduction to Integrability (T)

Course No.: physics7511

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	2+1	5	WT

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Quantum Mechanics

(Quantum Field Theory/Statistical Physics useful but not necessary)

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Requirements for the examination (written or oral): successful work with the exercises

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Integrability is a property of special models or setups, which connects different physical and mathematical fields. The range of applications extends from classical mechanics to quantum field theory. The goal of this course is to gain an overview over the different facets and applications of integrability and to get to know interesting physical problems.

### Contents of the Course:

Integrability and hidden symmetries of physical models, exactly solvable systems, classical and quantum integrability

#### Concepts & Methods:

Lax pairs, inverse scattering method, R-matrix, Yang-Baxter equation, factorized scattering, Bethe ansatz, nonlocal symmetries, quantum groups, Yangian symmetry

#### Models:

Elementary mechanical models, spin chains, field theories, AdS/CFT duality

### Recommended Literature:

B. Sutherland. Beautiful Models: 70 Years of Exactly Solved Quantum Many-Body Problems

O. Babelon, D. Bernard, M. Talon. Introduction to Classical Integrable Systems.

P. Dorey. Exact S-matrices. <http://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/9810026>

L. Faddeev. How algebraic Bethe ansatz works for integrable Model. <http://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/9605187>.

# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

## Course: Introduction to Random Matrix Theory (T)

Course No.: physics7512

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+1	6	ST/WT

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Complex Analysis, Theory I-IV is strongly recommended

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Examination (written)

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Basic understanding of RMT and its application

### Contents of the Course:

Random matrix theory is a tool for understanding a wide variety of phenomena in physics and mathematics. It started with the idea of Wigner in the 1950's to describe the spectra of heavy nuclei with a random Hamiltonian. Surprisingly this idea worked and yielded some important physical information about this complicated system and led to the notion of universality. RMT has a wide range of applications in atomic physics, mesoscopic physics, QCD, quantum chaos, biophysics, number theory, finance and many others. The main topics of this course will be universality, symmetry classification of RMTs, the logarithmic Coulomb gas, finite size effects, asymptotic analysis of the Riemann-Hilbert problem and applications to problems in quantum physics and statistical mechanics.

### Recommended Literature:

Mehta M.L. Random matrices (3ed., Elsevier, 2004)

Potters M., Bouchaud J.P., A First Course in Random Matrix Theory (Cambridge University Press, 2020)

# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

Course:  universität**bonn**

## Introduction to Conformal Field Theory (T)

Course No.: physics7513

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	2+1	5	WT/ST

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Quantum Field Theory

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Requirements for the examination (written or oral): successful work with the exercises

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Conformal symmetry represents a natural extension of Poincaré symmetry and plays an important role in many areas of theoretical physics. The aim of this course is to become acquainted with the basics of Conformal Field Theory (CFT) and to get an idea of applications in different contexts.

### Contents of the Course:

CFT in two and higher dimensions, example CFTs, conformal bootstrap

### Recommended Literature:

- Joshua D. Qualls, "Lectures on Conformal Field Theory", <https://arxiv.org/abs/1511.04074>
- Marc Gillioz, "Conformal Field Theory for Particle Physicists", <https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.09474>
- Slava Rychkov, "EPFL Lectures on Conformal Field Theory in  $D \geq 3$  Dimensions", SpringerBriefs in Physics (2016), <https://arxiv.org/abs/1601.05000>
- Giuseppe Mussardo, "Statistical Field Theory", Oxford University Press (2020)
- P. Di Francesco, and P. Mathieu, and D. Senechal, "Conformal Field Theory", Graduate Texts in Contemporary Physics, Springer (1997)
- Ralph Blumenhagen, and Erik Plauschinn, "Introduction to Conformal Field Theory", Lect.Notes Phys. 779 (2009)

# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

Course:  universität**bonn**

## Introduction to Quantum Computing (T)

Course No.: physics7514

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	2+2	5	ST

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Theoretical courses at the Bachelor degree level

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Written / oral examination

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Understanding the theory and applications of quantum computing.

### Contents of the Course:

- Quantum versus classical computing
- Quantum circuits and algorithms
- Quantum error correction and mitigation
- Applications in physics and chemistry

### Recommended Literature:

M. A. Nielsen and I. L. Chuang, Quantum Computation and Quantum Information, Cambridge University Press.

A. Yu. Kitaev, A. H. Shen, and M. N. Vyalyi, Classical and Quantum Computation, American Mathematical Society.

J. Watrous, The Theory of Quantum Information, Cambridge University Press.

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# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

Course:  universität**bonn**

## Introduction to the AdS/CFT Correspondence (T)

Course No.: physics7515

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	2+1	5	WT/ST

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Quantum Field Theory, General Relativity

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Requirements for the examination (written or oral): successful work with the exercises

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

The correspondence between string theory on Anti-de-Sitter spacetime and conformal quantum field theory on its boundary represents one of the most active and inspiring research areas of theoretical physics in the last decades. The aim of this course is to review the basic concepts to understand this duality between two a priori very different theories and to study some of its implications and applications.

### Contents of the Course:

basics of conformal field theory, supersymmetry and string theory,  $N=4$  Super Yang-Mills theory, statement and selected applications of the AdS/CFT correspondence, integrable structures in planar AdS/CFT

### Recommended Literature:

- \* Horatio Nastase, Lecture Notes "Introduction to AdS/CFT", <https://arxiv.org/abs/0712.0689> or the book "Introduction to the AdS/CFT Correspondence", Cambridge University Press
- \* Makoto Natsuume, "AdS/CFT Duality User Guide", Lect.Notes Phys. 903 (2015) pp.1-294, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1409.3575>
- \* Joao Penedones, "TASI lectures on AdS/CFT", <https://arxiv.org/abs/1608.04948>
- \* Niklas Beisert et al, "Review of AdS/CFT Integrability: An Overview", Lett.Math.Phys. 99 (2012), <https://arxiv.org/abs/1012.3982>
- \* Diego Bombardelli et al, "An integrability primer for the gauge-gravity correspondence", J.Phys.A 49 (2016) 32, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1606.02945>

# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

Course:  universität**bonn**

## Machine Learning for Quantum Scientists (T)

Course No.: physics7516

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	2+2	5	WT/ST

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Theoretical courses at the Bachelor degree level

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Written / oral examination

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Understanding the basics of machine learning and applications in quantum sciences

### Contents of the Course:

- Basic structure, training, and analysis of artificial neural networks
- Standard architectures for machine learning, including convolutional neural networks, Boltzmann machines, and deep generative models
- Applications of machine learning in theoretical physics and chemistry

### Recommended Literature:

C. M. Bishop, "Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning", Springer.

I. Goodfellow, Y. Bengio, A. Courville, "Deep Learning", MIT Press.

A. Dawid, et al., "Modern Applications of Machine Learning in Quantum Sciences", Cambridge University Press

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# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

Course:  universität**bonn**

## Quantum chaos: tools and applications (T)

Course No.: physics7517

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	2+1	5	WT

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Classical mechanics, Quantum mechanics, Statistical mechanics (recommended). Special interest in quantum dynamics and nonlinear systems.

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Requirements for the examination (written or oral): successful work with the exercises

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Knowledge on the theory of chaos, tools to analyze it in quantum systems with examples, as well as its manifestation in many-body systems that can be realized on the experimental platforms.

### Contents of the Course:

1. Introduction and classification of dynamical systems
  - From macroscopic, mesoscopic to microscopic systems, Different dynamics: simple to complex.
2. Chaos in classical systems
  - Discrete dynamical system: One dimensional maps
  - Hamiltonian systems: Phase space and Hamilton's equation
  - Poincare map
  - Stroboscopic Maps of Periodically Driven Systems: Kicked rotor
  - KAM theorem
  - Lyapunov exponent, Kolmogorov-Sinai entropy
3. Aspects of quantum chaos
  - Quantum classical correspondence
  - EBK quantization
  - Gutzwiller's Trace formula
  - Phase space densities and Wigner function
  - Anderson and dynamical localization
4. Level statistics: Application of Random Matrix Theory
  - Gaussian Ensembles of Hermitian Matrices
  - Level Spacing Distributions
  - Unfolding Spectra
  - Eigenvector statistics
  - Dyson's Brownian-Motion Model

#### 5. Quantum chaos and ergodicity in many-body systems

- Quantum butterfly effect
- Out-of-time-ordered correlator (OTOC)
- Ergodicity and quantum scar
- Example from collective quantum systems: Dicke model, Josephson junction

#### **Recommended Literature:**

- F. Haake, Quantum Signatures of Chaos, Springer Science and Business Media (Springer, 2013).
- S. Wimberger, Nonlinear Dynamics and Quantum Chaos: An Introduction (Springer, 2014).
- H.-J. Stöckmann, Quantum Chaos, An Introduction (Cambridge University Press, 1999).



# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

Course:  universität**bonn**

## Time Evolution of Quantum Systems (T)

Course No.: physics7518

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	2+2	5	WT/ST

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Theoretical courses at the Bachelor degree level, solid knowledge of a programming language

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Presentation of an independently completed project

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Getting familiar with common problems arising in the time evolution of quantum systems and approaches to solve them

### Contents of the Course:

A selection of:

- Real time evolution
- Imaginary time evolution
- Analytic continuation
- Approximation methods
- Numerical solution of stiff equations of motion
- Floquet theory
- Open quantum systems
- Non-equilibrium dynamics

### Recommended Literature:

- W. H. Press, S. A. Teukolsky, W. T. Vetterling, B. P. Flannery, "Numerical Recipes: The Art of Scientific Computing", Cambridge University Press.
- E. Hairer, G. Wanner, "Solving Ordinary Differential Equations II: Stiff and Differential-Algebraic Problems", Springer.
- Research and review articles tba in the lecture.

# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

Course:  universität**bonn**

## Surprises in Quantum Mechanics (T)

Course No.: physics7519

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Mixed lecture and seminar	English	2	4	WT/ST

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Advanced Quantum Theory (physics606)

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Presentation of an independently completed project

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

Gaining a deeper understanding of quantum mechanics, including several so-called paradoxa, covering both theoretical and experimental aspects

### Contents of the Course:

Basic formalism of quantum mechanics, followed by a selection of:  
 Pitfalls in infinitely dimensional Hilbert spaces  
 Classical vs quantum mechanical correlations  
 When does interference occur, when is it destroyed?  
 The "quantum eraser"  
 Quantum mechanical description of measurement devices  
 A quantum measurement yielding  $S_z = \hbar/2$  for a spin-1/2 particle  
 How to ascertain all spin components of a spin-1/2 particle ("quantum card trick")  
 Quantum mechanics without "collapse of the wave function"?  
 Generalizations of the Aharonov-Bohm effect  
 Hanbury-Brown-Twiss correlations

### Recommended Literature:

Mostly research and review articles will be used. Some of the topics are discussed in  
 Y. Aharonov, D. Rohrlich, "Quantum paradoxes: quantum theory for the perplexed", Wiley, 2005

# Module: Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics

Module No.: physics70c

Course:  universität **bonn**

## Lattice Field Theory - Hamiltonian and Lagrangian Methods (T)

Course No.: physics7520

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Mixed lecture and seminar	English	2+2	5	WT/ST

### Requirements for Participation:

#### Preparation:

Theoretical courses at the Bachelor degree level

#### Form of Testing and Examination:

Written / oral examination

#### Length of Course:

1 semester

### Aims of the Course:

To provide an introduction to the fundamentals of lattice field theory and to explore modern approaches for addressing the sign problem.

### Contents of the Course:

- Fundamentals of lattice field theory
- The sign problem: chemical potentials, topological terms, and real-time evolution
- Lagrangian methods: Lefschetz thimbles and machine-learning-sampling for lattice field theory
- Hamiltonian methods: tensor networks and quantum algorithms for lattice field theory

### Recommended Literature:

Gattringer, Lang, "Quantum chromodynamics on the lattice", Springer, Berlin (2010)

Aarts, "Introductory lectures on lattice QCD at nonzero baryon number", XIII International Workshop on Hadron Physics (2015), arXiv:1512.05145

**Modules:**

physics70a **Elective Advanced Lectures: Experimental Physics**

physics70b **Elective Advanced Lectures: Applied Physics**

physics70c **Elective Advanced Lectures: Theoretical Physics**

**Course:****Research Project**

**Course No.:** physics799

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Research Project	English		4	WT/ST

**Requirements for Participation:**

Students are asked to contact one of the BCGS lecturers prior to the start of their research project. Lecturers provide help if needed to find a suitable research group and topic. Not all groups may have projects available at all times, thus participation may be limited.

**Preparation:**

A specialization lecture from the research field in question or equivalent preparation.

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

A written report or, alternatively, a presentation in a meeting of the research group.

**Length of Course:**

4-6 weeks

**Aims of the Course:**

Students conduct their own small research project as a part-time member of one of the research groups in Bonn. The students learn methods of scientific research and apply them to their project.

**Contents of the Course:**

One of the following possible items:

- setting up a small experiment,
- analyzing data from an existing experiment,
- simulating experimental situations,
- numerical or analytical calculations in a theory group.

**Recommended Literature:**

provided by the supervisor within the research group.

registration by written application to the examination office (see homepage)