

# Syllabus

## Kursbeschreibung

<b>Titel der Lehrveranstaltung</b>	Plastic and Molecular Optoelectronics
<b>Code der Lehrveranstaltung</b>	46087
<b>Zusätzlicher Titel der Lehrveranstaltung</b>	
<b>Wissenschaftlich-disziplinärer Bereich</b>	FIS/01
<b>Sprache</b>	Englisch
<b>Studiengang</b>	Doktoratsstudium in Advanced-Systems Engineering
<b>Andere Studiengänge (gem. Lehrveranstaltung)</b>	
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<b>Wissensch. Mitarbeiter/Mitarbeiterin</b>	
<b>Semester</b>	Zweites Semester
<b>Studienjahr/e</b>	2025/2026
<b>KP</b>	3
<b>Vorlesungsstunden</b>	30
<b>Laboratoriumsstunden</b>	
<b>Stunden für individuelles Studium</b>	45
<b>Vorgesehene Sprechzeiten</b>	7
<b>Inhaltsangabe</b>	
<b>Themen der</b>	1) Introduction -

<b>Lehrveranstaltung</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. semiconductors, Organic semiconducting (macro)molecules, Pi-orbitals and conjugation<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ii. Excitations: excitons and polarons</li><li>iii. Exciton spin: singlets and triplets</li><li>iv. Synopsis electronic and optical processes</li><li>v. Optical properties: a few examples</li><li>vi. Summary of optical properties</li></ul></li><li>2) Organic light-emitting diodes<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Structure</li><li>b. Fundamental processes<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Charge injection</li><li>ii. Charge transport</li><li>iii. Exciton formation</li><li>iv. Exciton decay</li><li>c. Characterisation of OLEDs<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Relevant performance parameters</li><li>ii. Characterising metal-semiconductor contacts:</li><li>d. Practical implementations<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Anodes</li><li>ii. Cathodes</li><li>iii. Active materials</li><li>iv. Fabrication technology: solution processability</li><li>e. State-of-the-art devices and future prospects</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li><li>3) Organic photovoltaic diodes (PVDs) -<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Fundamental process</li><li>b. Characterisation of PVDs</li><li>c. Examples of polymer-based PVDs</li><li>d. State-of-the-art devices and future prospects</li></ul></li><li>4) Supramolecular structures -<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Introduction to secondary (non covalent) interactions</li><li>b. Threaded molecular wires (TMWs).</li></ul></li><li>5) Near-infrared (NIR) emitting + absorbing materials<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Overview</li><li>b. Challenges: the energy gap "rule"</li><li>c. Materials not leveraging triplet-assisted photophysics</li><li>d. Current state-of-the-art</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
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	<p>6) Advanced bio-optoelectronic applications</p> <p>a. Role of conjugated polymers in advanced bio-optoelectronic applications</p> <p>i. Artificial retina technologies</p> <p>ii. Biohybrid interfaces</p> <p>iii. Bioprinting.</p>
<b>Stichwörter</b>	Organic semiconductors, photophysics, OLEDs, PVDs, bioelectronics
<b>Empfohlene Voraussetzungen</b>	Physics I and II. Basic Electronics
<b>Propädeutische Lehrveranstaltungen</b>	
<b>Unterrichtsform</b>	Lectures (online or in presence)
<b>Anwesenheitspflicht</b>	
<b>Spezifische Bildungsziele und erwartete Lernergebnisse</b>	
<b>Spezifisches Bildungsziel und erwartete Lernergebnisse (zusätzliche Informationen)</b>	<p>1. Knowledge and understanding</p> <p>Knowledge and understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the fundamental physical and chemical properties of organic semiconductors (OS)</li> <li>- Understanding basic operation of organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs)</li> <li>- Understanding basic operation of light-emitting electrochemical cells (LECs)</li> <li>- Understanding basic operation of organic solar cells</li> </ul> <p>2. Applying knowledge and understanding</p> <p>3. Ability to apply knowledge for solving given problems, including solving them with numerical data, approximating significant numbers, and taking care of the notation of units.</p> <p>Making judgements</p> <p>4. Ability to judge plausibility of results.</p> <p>Communication skills</p> <p>5. Maturing of technical-scientific terminology.</p>

	<p>Ability to learn</p> <p>6. Learning skills to independently study and apply methods of physics for specific applications beyond topics covered in this lecture.</p>
<b>Art der Prüfung</b>	Oral exam in which the students are expected to give a 20 minutes presentation on a topic of their choice among those treated during the course and of particular relevance to their PhD project.  This will serve as a basis. Additional questions will be asked to test basic understanding and ability of the student to apply the concepts to relevant applications.
<b>Bewertungskriterien</b>	The grading will be based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Clarity and correctness of the presentation.</li><li>- The correctness of the answers given to the questions, and of the terminology used.</li></ul>
<b>Pflichtliteratur</b>	Lecture notes.
<b>Weiterführende Literatur</b>	[1] Electronic Processes in Organic Crystals and Polymers, M Pope, C Swenberg, Oxford University Press, 2nd ed., Oxford, 1999  [2] <i>Organic Light-Emitting Devices</i> , K Müllen and U Scherf eds., Wiley-VCH, Weinheim, 2006  [3] <i>Organic Electronics: Foundations to Applications</i> , SR Forrest, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2020
<b>Weitere Informationen</b>	
<b>Ziele für nachhaltige Entwicklung (SDGs)</b>	Hochwertige Bildung