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## Teaching

- experimental physics
- physical and technical optics
- laser physics
- vacuum physics
- spectroscopy
- infrared physics and technology
- thin film optics
- renewable energy
- English in physics and technology

## Research

### **three main fields:**

- 1) Infrared Thermal Imaging
  - 2) Atmospheric optics / optics
  - 3) Didactics of physics, physics education research
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- Influence of Gaseous species on Thermal Infrared Imaging, Inframation 2006 in Las Vegas/USA, 10/2006
- Demonstration of Quetelet fringes, Illuminance during a solar eclipse and Luminance during a total lunar eclipse, 9th International Meeting on Light and Color in Nature in Bozeman, Montana (USA), 06/2007
- Looking through matter: quantitative IR imaging when observing through IR windows, Physics for Nonscientists, Inframation 2007 in Las Vegas/USA, 10/2007
- Cheese cubes, light bulbs, soft drinks: An unusual approach to study convection, radiation and size dependent heating and cooling, Inframation 2008 in Reno/USA, 11/2008
- IR imaging of gases: potential applications for CO<sub>2</sub> cameras, IR feedback loops to spotlights: thermography and contemporary dancing, Inframation 2009 in Las Vegas/USA, 10/2009
- Inframation 2009, Las Vegas, 10/2009
- High speed - slow motion I: new insights for hands on experiments in mechanics, II : more experiments using gases, fluids, heat and electromagnetism, GIREP-ICPE -MPTL International

- IR Imaging of CO<sub>2</sub>: Basics, Experiments, and Potential Industrial Applications, IRS2, Nürnberg, 05/2011
- Low cost hands-on experiments for physics teaching, ICPE, Mexico City, 08/2011
- Optics of glass fronts of buildings: the science of skyscraper death rays and Camera Performance and Simple Image Processing for Everybody (with K.-P. Möllmann), Inframation 2011 in Las Vegas/USA, 11/2011
- Beautiful phenomena in the skies: a colorful journey in the realm of atmospheric optics, DGaO , Eindhoven NL, 06/2012
- Surprising warm edges associated with moisture on surfaces, Inframation 2012 in Orlando /USA, 11/2012
- Brilliant colors from a white snow cover, Visible and invisible mirages: comparing inferior mirages in the visible and thermal infrared spectral range, Light and Color, Fairbanks/Alaska (USA)m 08/2013
- The magic of the invisible: using IR imaging in physics education, Inframation 2013 in Orlando /USA, 11/2013
- IR Imaging Master Class History, Science and Modern Technology, 4h workshop (with K.-P. Möllmann), Inframation 2015 in Nashville/Tennessee (USA), 05/2015
- Optics and Physics of Near Infrared imaging, Education and Training in Optics, Bordeaux/France, 06/2015
- Experiments in Physics Education, Physics Teachers Invention Fair, Prag/Cz, 08/2015
- High Speed Cameras in Physics Education, AAPT New Orleans/USA, 01/2016
- Optical effects due to man-made structures, Light and Color in Nature in Granada /Spanien, 06/2016
- The optics and physics of NIR imaging, Light and Color in Nature in Granada /Spanien, 06/2016
- NIR photography and NIR thermal cameras, Inframation, Las Vegas, 09/2016
- Workshop Basics of thermography: IR camera parameters and selected topics, Inframation, Las Vegas, 09/2016
- Photonics in Nature: Yellowstone National Park in IR, ETOP, Hangzhou/China, 05/2017
- Teaching physics and understanding infrared thermal imaging, ETOP, Hangzhou/China, 05/2017
- Blue sun reflected from water: optical lessons learned from observations of nature, ETOP, Hangzhou/China, 05/2017
- Using action cams to teach and learn physics, AAPT, San Diego, 01/2018
- Thermal Imaging for every Teacher, AAPT, San Diego, 01/2018

- Thermal imaging in nature, Inframation, Austin/Texas (USA), 10/2018
- Studying the transition from light emitting diodes to semiconductor lasers in physics laboratories, ETOP, Quebec (Kanada) 05/2019
- Extended visual range: an observation during a total solar eclipse, ETOP, Quebec (Kanada) 05/2019
- Intrinsic blue color of clearest natural water, Light and Color in Nature, Bar Harbor / Maine (USA) 07/2019
- 530 km record visual range observation: can it be true? Light and Color in Nature, Bar Harbor / Maine (USA) 07/2019
- Visual range changes during the 2017 eclipse, , Light and Color in Nature, Bar Harbor / Maine (USA) 07/2019

Physics teacher training

## **International**

1. Annual teacher training of Austrian Physical Society, in Vienna/Austria (with K.-P. Möllmann):
  - 02/2000: Von Sonnenhunden, Seeungeheuern und grünem Strahl, ein Ausflug in die atmosphärische Optik; Es gibt mehr zu sehen als unsere Augen wahrnehmen
  - 02/2011: High speed - slow motion: Experimente mit der Hochgeschwindigkeitskamera
2. Technorama teacher training for Swiss physics teachers in Winterthur/CH (with K.-P. Möllmann):
  - 03/2003: Low cost Experimente für den Physikunterricht,
  - 09/2004: Lernen am Phänomen - low cost Experimente im naturwissenschaftlichen Unterricht
  - 09/2006: Lichtspiele in der Luft - optische Phänomene der Atmosphäre / Schulexperimente mit Lasern
  - 02/2010: High speed - slow motion: Experimente mit der Hochgeschwindigkeitskamera
  - 02/2014: Freihandexperimente und Experimente mit IR Kameras
3. Fisica Nocturna, Puebla, Mexico, 05/2006:
  - 05/2006: Hands-on experiments in physics education
4. Physics Teacher Training Workshops in Windhoek, Namibia (1 week, with K.-P. Möllmann):
  - 03/2008: Hands-on experiments in physics education

07/2009: Hands-on experiments in physics education

## Nationwide in Germany

The Physikzentrum Bad Honnef/Germany ([www.pbh.de](http://www.pbh.de)) hosts week-long teacher training courses (several per year) for physics teachers from all over Germany, typically 50 to 100 participants funded by the German Physical Society (DPG, [www.dpg-physik.de](http://www.dpg-physik.de)).

The following courses were organized/coorganized:

1. Licht, Schatten und Farben in der Umwelt (1997) with H.J. Schlichting (Essen)
2. Physik und Musik (2000) with H.J. Schlichting (Essen)
3. Physikalische Aspekte der Meteorologie (2001), with W. Wehry (Berlin)
4. Naturphänomene für den Physikunterricht aus fachdidaktischer und fachwissenschaftlicher Sicht (2002), with W. Schneider (Erlangen)
5. Physik der Erde (2003), with W. Schneider (Erlangen)
6. Laser, Grundlagen und Anwendungen in Forschung und Technik (2005), with W. Schneider (Erlangen)
7. Regenerative Energien (2006), with V. Nordmeier (Berlin)
8. Physik und Sport (2008), with L. Mathelitsch (Graz)
9. Naturphänomene (2010), with H.J. Schlichting (Münster)
10. Thermodynamik (2011), with H. Engel (Oldenburg)
11. Klima, Atmosphäre, Umwelt, (2016), with L. Wöste (Berlin)

## Regional in Brandenburg

The physics group of the University of Applied Sciences in Brandenburg organizes 1-day physics teacher training courses, typically for 100 teachers with main topic of low cost experiments, funded by the Wilhelm und Else Heraeus-foundation ([www.we-heraeus-stiftung.de](http://www.we-heraeus-stiftung.de)) and the DPG ([www.dpg-physik.de](http://www.dpg-physik.de))

Organisation: M. Vollmer; experiments with K.-P. Möllmann, since 2000 additional external speaker

1. 1998: Mechanik, Akustik, Fluide

2. 1998: Wärmelehre
3. 1999: Elektrodynamik
4. 1999: Optik
5. 2000: Moderne Physik, physikalisches Spielzeug (C. Ucke/München)
6. 2001: Physik im Alltag, Low cost high tech-Experimente (W. Stetzenbach/Winnweiler)
7. 2002: Low cost Experimente, Messwerterfasung easy und low cost (V. Nordmeier/Münster, Komplexität und Selbstorganisation (H.-J. Schlichting/Münster)
8. 2003: Mikrotechnik, Mikroelektronik und Mikrosystemtechnik, Reise in die Mikrowelten (M. Euler/Kiel)
9. 2004: Mechanik, Resonanzen, Schwebungen und Interferenzen (O. Lührs/Berlin)
10. 2005: Wärmelehre, Die Gezeiten (W. Schneider/Erlangen)
11. 2006: Elektromagnetismus, Sport im Physikunterricht (L. Matheitsch/Graz)
12. 2007: Optik, Mädchen im Physikunterricht (R. Wodzinski/Kassel)
13. 2008: Laser im Physikunterricht, Medizin (H. Wiesner/München)
14. 2009: Physik im Alltag, Energie und Klima, Astronomie (Th. Bührke / Schwetzingen)
15. 2010: High speed-slow motion: Experimente unter der Lupe, Physik in der Primarstufe (Welzel/Heidelberg)
16. 2011: Mechanik, Physik im Film (Müller/Braunschweig)
17. 2012: Wärmelehre, Astronomie (Lotze/Jena)
18. 2013: Elektromagnetismus, Wasserdichtigkeit von Textilien (Suhr/Münster)
19. 2014: Optik, Neue Experimente, Physik mit dem Smartphone (Wöste, Wilhelm)
20. 2015: Freihandexperimente, Einfache astronomische Beobachtungen (Steinrücken)

## **Regional in Berlin and Brandenburg**

Physics teacher training courses with talks in the Magnushaus/Berlin (Thursday, Friday) and practical work in a school (Saturday). Organized together with L. Wöste, W. Eberhard and Ch. Strube from Berlin. Typically 100 teachers attend from both states. Funding: Wilhelm und Else Heraeus-foundation.

04/2018: Klima und Energie

05/2019: Licht (incl. a talk by Nobel Prize winner Th. Hänsch)

05/2020: Astronomie und Astrophysik (planned)

## Public Talks

at the University of Applied Sciences Brandenburg

- Von Sonnenhunden und Brockengespenst
- Licht, Musik und Sinnestäuschung
- Kometen
- Treibhauseffekt, Ozonloch und Ozonsmog
- Ton, Klang Geräusch - eine experimentelle Einführung in die Welt des Schalls
- Lassen Sie sich überraschen: ein Potpourri physikalischer Experimente
- Totale Sonnenfinsternis in Deutschland
- Lichtspiele in der Luft - optische Phänomene der Atmosphäre
- Die Sonnenfinsternis vom 29.03.2006 in der Türkei
- Die Rückkehr der Physiker Unterhaltsame Experimente am laufenden Band Audimax FHB
- Was haben Klimawandel, Treibhauseffekt und regenerative Energien miteinander zu tun
- Öffentliche Weihnachtsvorlesung Unterhaltsame Experimente am laufenden Band
- Weihnachtsvorlesung Unterhaltsame Experimente am laufenden Band
- Naturwissenschaft auf Banknoten

on stage of the theater in Brandenburg

- Es gibt mehr zu sehen als die Augen wahrnehmen
- Was Sie schon immer über Ihre Mikrowelle wissen wollten ....
- Physik im Rampenlicht Unterhaltsame Experimente am laufenden Band

in other universities, schools, museums, planetariums etc.

- Luftspiegelungen
- Lichtstreuung und Himmelsfarben

- Atmosphärische Optik
- Experimente zur Haushaltsmikrowelle
- Wärmestrahlung, der Blick ins Unsichtbare (Es gibt mehr zu sehen als unsere Augen wahrnehmen)
- Experimente zur Physik Einsteins (für die Grundschule)
- Physics für Nonscientists

- PicoQuant (Adlershof)
- SenTech (Adlershof)
- Fraunhofer Institut für Physikalische Messtechnik (Freiburg)
- Institut für angewandte Gewässerökologie (Seddin)
- Sacher-Lasertechnik (Marburg)
- Johanna Solar (Bosch, Brandenburg)
- Solarion AG (Leipzig)
- Fraunhofer IZM (Berlin)
- Bundesamt für Strahlenschutz (Berlin)
- PTB (Berlin)
- OSRAM GmbH (Berlin)
- Schäfter und Kirchhoff GmbH (Hamburg)

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