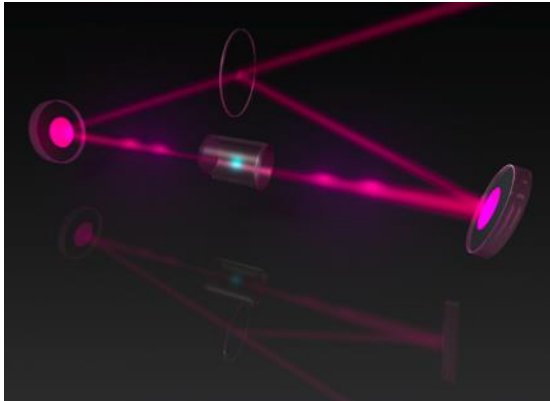


PhD positions in optics/ quantum physics /precision spectroscopy / photonics in the group of Dr. Nathalie Picqué at the Max-Planck Institute of Quantum Optics near Munich, Germany



“Precision spectroscopy of small molecules for tests of fundamental physics”



Precision spectroscopy is a powerful tool for testing fundamental laws of physics and quantum molecular theory. Our group has developed a technique based on laser frequency combs, that uniquely combines very high spectral resolution (Doppler-free), broad spectral bandwidth and sensitive detection at low light levels. Evaluating the systematic effects induced by the new technique, extending the technique to new spectral territories, applying the technique to the spectroscopy of small molecules are the new challenges to tackle.

Profile of the Candidate

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This position for a doctoral thesis is available immediately and will remain open until filled. Starting dates anytime in 2021 are possible. There are no citizenship/residence requirements for this position.

Work Environment

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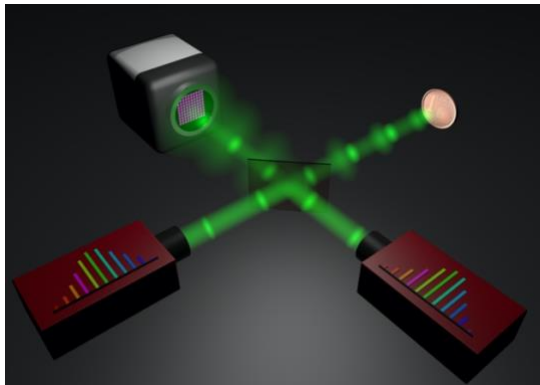
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“Digital holography and 3D-imaging”



Three-dimensional imaging is a hot topic relevant to many fields of science and technology, from bio-medicine to metrology at the nanometer scale. Our group has recently demonstrated the feasibility of an intriguing new approach to scan-less three-dimensional imaging, which combines laser frequency combs and digital holography. It promises wavefront sensing at many optical frequencies simultaneously with unprecedented precision. Exploring other -more powerful- schemes to 3D-imaging with frequency combs, determining the frontiers of precision and accuracy of the new techniques, implementing their first applications are now at the heart of a new project of dimensional metrology.

Profile of the Candidate

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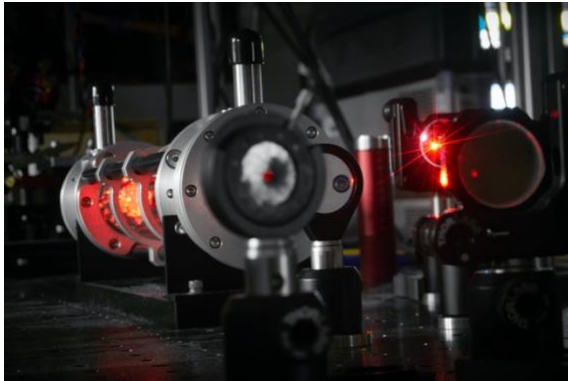
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“Quantum-enhanced interferometry”



Our group explores new approaches to interferometry using frequency combs. Within a project supported by the Munich Center for Quantum Science and Technology, we evaluate new strategies involving quantum optics and quantum physics. We associate modern tools of photonics and nano-photonics and of quantum measurements for novel interferometry and spectroscopy down to single molecules and nano-particles. Applications range from nanoscopic quantum emitters to molecular samples of biological relevance to precision spectroscopy.

Profile of the Candidate

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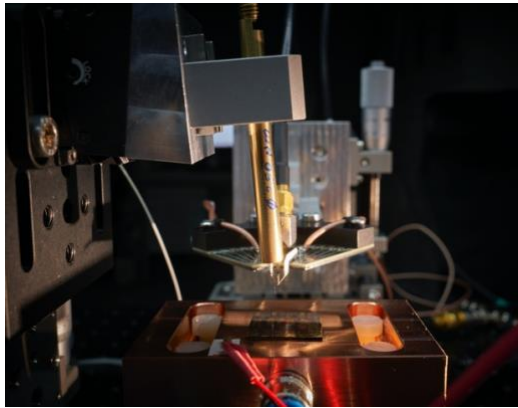
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“Frequency comb spectrometer on a photonic chip”



Within the Innovative Training Network MICROCOMB, our group explores new strategies to spectrometers on photonic chips. Laser frequency combs have revolutionized time and frequency metrology and are becoming enabling tools in many other applications. Our group has leading expertise in developing and using them for interferometry and high-resolution spectroscopy over broad spectral bandwidth. Frequency comb generators on a chip are an emerging technology which holds much promise for highly miniaturized instruments. The proposed work consists in evaluating the most promising technologies for selected applications and in developing new interferometers and new spectrometers based on state-of-the-art frequency comb generators on photonics chip.

Profile of the Candidate

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The position for this project is within the Innovative Training Network MICROCOMB. There are no citizenship requirements but applicants must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Germany for more than 12 months in the past 3 years. This position for a doctoral thesis is available immediately and will remain open until filled. Starting dates anytime in 2021 are possible.

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