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- 14:00 Uhr** *Dr. Giulia Grancini*
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**Interface engineering for high efficient and stable
perovskite solar cells**
- 15:00 Uhr** Break with Coffee and Cake
- 15:30 Uhr** *Prof. Dr. Thomas Lenzer*
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**Charge carrier dynamics of organic-inorganic hybrid
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Interface engineering for high efficient and stable perovskite solar cells

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The world global installed photovoltaic capacity will likely reach up to 5000 GW by 2050. At this moment, solar energy will likely be one of the major electricity source worldwide, with the lowest costs and environmental impact. New photovoltaic (PV) technologies with higher potential performances at lower price will lead this paradigm shift. In this context, the World Economic Forum has recently recognized Perovskite solar cells (PSCs) as one of the top 10 technologies in 2016¹. Indeed, PSCs have emerged as one of the most exciting fields of research of our time, for their impressive rise in their power conversion efficiency (PCE) surpassing 22% in a short of six years research¹. PSCs are leading a real revolution in power generation, standing over the main technologies on the market^{1,2}. Typically, the solar cell consists of a multi-layered structure where the perovskite is sandwiched between an electron transport layer, generally the mesoporous titanium dioxide (TiO₂), and a hole transporting material². Light is absorbed by the perovskite, free carriers are generated and injected into selective top and bottom layers. This configuration, known as “mesoporous” solar cells, is the one that at present holds the efficiency records.¹ High performances can be obtained through a molecular engineering of the perovskite composition, however, device physics and operation is still subject of intense debate. In addition, poor device stability (mainly due to degradation in ambient conditions) put severe limits to the uptake of this technology. Here I will overview the main properties of high efficient perovskite solar cells in terms of structural, optical and photophysical behavior of the perovskite and of the device under operation³. A particular emphasis is given to the role of the active interfaces and the processes therein, such as charge injection, trapping, charge recombination, happening over timescales from femtoseconds to nanoseconds, which ultimately govern the device performances. Finally, new direction to solve the stability issue will be presented focusing on the idea to engineer a multidimensional perovskite structure that delivers a record stability value of 8,500 hours with zero efficiency loss⁴.

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Charge carrier dynamics of organic-inorganic hybrid perovskites

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Organic-inorganic hybrid perovskites have emerged as promising materials for applications in solar cells and optoelectronics. Optimizing the performance of such devices requires a detailed knowledge of their carrier dynamics. We present results employing ultrafast pump - supercontinuum probe spectroscopy in the UV-Vis-NIR range for a wide range of carrier densities. Topics include timescales for carrier recombination and cooling as well as confinement effects in low-dimensional perovskite structures.^{1,2} We will discuss carrier injection at the interfaces between perovskite and mesoporous TiO₂ and also between perovskite and triarylamine-based hole transport materials.

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