Module description

**Module title**  
Scanning Probe Technologies

**Abbreviation**  
11-SPT-211-m01

**Module coordinator**  
Managing Director of the Institute of Applied Physics

**Module offered by**  
Faculty of Physics and Astronomy

**ECTS**  
6

**Method of grading**  
Numerical grade

**Duration**  
1 semester

**Module level**  
Graduate

**Other prerequisites**  
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**Contents**

Basic theoretical principles of scanning force, tunneling, and near-field optical microscopy; basic principles of surface science; tip-sample interactions; design principles and material considerations; fundamentals of control engineering; measurement modes, e.g., contact and non-contact, Kelvin probe, friction force microscopy, etc; basic principles of processing and presenting microscopy data; measurement techniques and their application: lock-in, phase-lock loop, etc.

**Intended learning outcomes**

Student acquires specific knowledge in scanning probe microscopy. He/she knows the basic theoretical principles, is aware of basic design principles, knows pros and cons of various materials, and is familiar of measurement modes, contrast mechanisms, and their application. He/she is aware of recent development in the field.

**Courses**

V (3) + R (1)

Module taught in: German or English

Teaching cycle: annually, after announcement

**Method of assessment**

a) written examination (approx. 90 to 120 minutes) or b) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 minutes) or c) oral examination in groups (groups of 2, approx. 30 minutes per candidate) or d) project report (approx. 8 to 10 pages) or e) presentation/talk (approx. 30 minutes).

If a written examination was chosen as method of assessment, this may be changed and assessment may instead take the form of an oral examination of one candidate each or an oral examination in groups. If the method of assessment is changed, the lecturer must inform students about this by four weeks prior to the original examination date at the latest.

Language of assessment: German and/or English

Assessment offered: In the semester in which the course is offered and in the subsequent semester

**Allocation of places**

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**Additional information**

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**Referred to in LPO I**

(examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)

**Module appears in**

Master's degree (1 major) Nanostructure Technology (2020)
Master's degree (1 major) Physics (2020)
Master's degree (1 major) Quantum Technology (2021)