

# Jena LIGHT

## Photonics meets AI

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Abbe Center of Photonics  
Jena, Germany



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## WELCOME TO JENA

Being Europe's city of light, Jena has been pushing the frontiers of photonics for more than a century. Recently, the potential of photonic systems to create the fastest and most energy efficient artificial intelligence (AI) platforms has been recognized.

To truly push the capability of future neuromorphic photonic systems for facilitating AI, there is an immediate need for developing neural network architectures and machine learning algorithms that can best utilize the underlying physics of the photonic systems, especially their high dimensionality. In this regard, there is an urgent need to bring together the expertise of computer scientists active in the field of AI and machine learning with the research communities of neuromorphic photonics and quantum information.

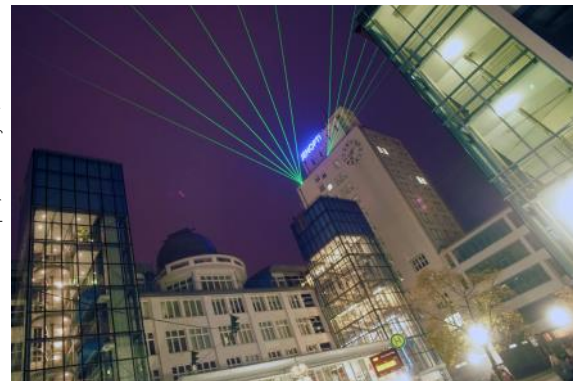
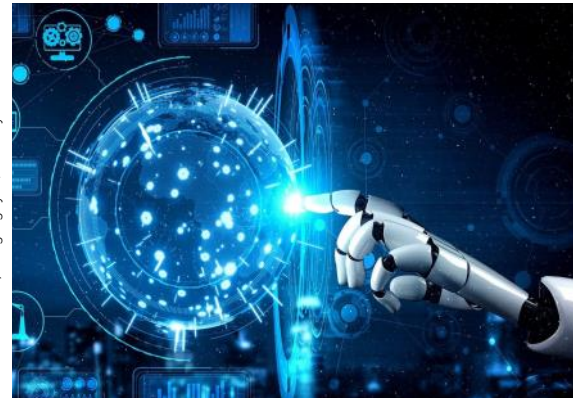
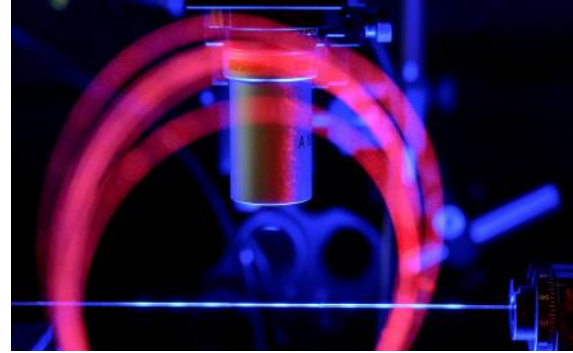
The conference "Jena LIGHT – Photonics meets AI" is organized jointly by the university's LIGHT profile, the International Research Training Group Meta-Active (IRTG 2675), the Collaborative Research Center NOA (CRC 1375), and the CZS Nexus groups MetaNN and SINABSE. The conference particularly aims to bring together world-leading researchers in the field of neuromorphic photonic systems, quantum photonic technologies, nanooptics, and computer science, to explore and discuss the current challenges and future potentials in the field of neuromorphic photonics.

Yours sincerely,

Jena LIGHT  
program committee

## JENA LIGHT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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## INVITED SPEAKERS

The following experts in the field of neuromorphic photonic systems, quantum photonic technologies, nanooptics, and computer science will speak about their latest research.

- **Alexander Heinecke**  
Intel Labs, Santa Clara, USA
- **Alexander Breuer**  
Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany
- **Aydogan Ozcan**  
UCLA - University of California, Los Angeles, USA
- **Bhavin J. Shastri**  
Queen's University, Kingston, Canada
- **Birgit Stiller**  
MPL - Max Planck Institute for the Science of Light, Erlangen, Germany
- **Carlo Holly**  
ILT - Fraunhofer Institute for Laser Technology & RWTH - Aachen University, Aachen, Germany
- **Carsten Rockstuhl**  
KIT - Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany
- **Clara Wanjura**  
MPL - Max Planck Institute for the Science of Light, Erlangen, Germany
- **Demetri Psaltis**  
EPFL - École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland
- **Dragomir Neshev**  
ANU - The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
- **Elena Goi**  
USST - University of Shanghai for Science and Technology, China
- **Humeyra Caglayan**  
Tampere University, Finland
- **Janik Wolters**  
Technische Universität Berlin & DLR - German Aerospace Center, Germany
- **Jean-Pierre Seifert**  
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- **Joachim Giesen**  
Friedrich Schiller University University Jena, Germany
- **Mario Chernitz**  
IPHT - Leibniz Institute of Photonic Technologies, Jena, Germany
- **Mauro Paternostro**  
University Palermo, Italy and QUB - Queen's University Belfast, UK)
- **Peter Bienstman**  
Ghent University, Belgium
- **Sina Saravi**  
Friedrich Schiller University University Jena, Germany
- **Stefanie Kroker**  
Technische Universität Braunschweig, Germany
- **Tatsuhiko Onodera**  
Cornell University, Ithaca, USA
- **Wolfram Pernice**  
Heidelberg University, Germany
- **Yaron Bromberg**  
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Tuesday, 03.09.2024		Wednesday, 04.09.2024		Thursday, 05.09.2024		Friday, 06.09.2024	
08:30				<b>Demetri Psaltis (EPFL) KEYNOTE, ONLINE</b> Nonlinear Computation with Linear Optics		<b>Yaron Bromberg (Jerusalem) KEYNOTE</b> Quantum Communication and Computation with High-Dimensional Entangled Photons	
09:00		<b>Timo Mappes (D.O.M. &amp; FSU Jena)</b>					
09:30		Science Heritage Experience on Optics in Jena: Past - Present - Future		<b>Clara Wanjura (MPL Erlangen)</b> Fully Nonlinear Neuromorphic Computing with Linear Wave Scattering		<b>Mauro Paternostro (Palermo &amp; Belfast)</b> Quantum Enhanced Machine Learning: From Gate Synthesis to Photonic Reservoir Computing	
10:00		We will take you on a walk through Jena's more than 100 years of optics history, from the early days of the founding fathers Abbe, Zeiss and Schott to the future in the new Zeiss campus.		Coffee break & posters		Coffee break & posters	
10:30							
11:00	Registration & welcome coffee			<b>Joachim Giesen &amp; Alexander Breuer (Uni Jena)</b> Einsum - A Formal Language for Tensor Expressions		<b>Elena Goi (USST Shanghai) ONLINE</b> Hybrid Nanoprinted Neural Networks	
11:30		<b>Welcome Address</b> by VP Research FSU (at 11:45)					
12:00	<b>Visit of photonics research labs</b> Fraunhofer Institute for Applied Optics and Precision Engineering IOF (Albert-Einstein-Strasse 7, 07745 Jena)	<b>Sina Saravi (University Jena)</b> AI Photonics - Merging Disciplines		<b>Carlo Holly (Aachen)</b> The potential of AI in Photonics - From Advanced Beam Shaping to Self-Learning Laser Processes		<b>Peter Bienstman (Ghent)</b> Optical Computing with Silicon Photonic Reservoirs	
12:30		Lunch (Casino Beutenberg)		Lunch (Casino Beutenberg)		Lunch (Casino Beutenberg)	
13:00							
13:30	Lunch (Casino Beutenberg)						
14:00		<b>Wolfram Pernice (Heidelberg)</b> Photonic computing with incoherent light		<b>Alexander Heinecke (Intel)</b> From Tensor Processing Primitive towards Tensor Compilers using upstream MLIR		<b>Birgit Stiller (MPL Erlangen)</b> Photonic Computation Enabled by Sound Waves	
14:30	<b>Conference Opening</b> (at 14:15) <b>Carsten Rockstuhl (KIT)</b> Machine Learning Enhanced Design of Meta-Atoms and Metasurfaces	<b>Martin Gärtner (University Jena)</b> Machine-Learning for Quantum Many-Body Physics		<b>Mario Chemnitz (Leibniz IPHT Jena)</b> Neuromorphic Computing with Nonlinear Dynamics in Single-mode Fibers		<b>Janik Wolters (TU Berlin &amp; DLR)</b> Information Processing with Photons and Atoms	
15:00							
15:30	<b>Bhavin Shastri (Queen's CA) ONLINE</b> Neuromorphic Photonic Computing: Applications, Classical to Quantum	Coffee break & posters		Coffee break		Farewell coffee & goodbye	
16:00							
16:30	Coffee break	<b>Tatsuhiko Onodera (Cornell) ONLINE</b> Deep Physical Neural Networks: A Case Study with a 2D Programmable Photonic Chip		<b>Visit of photonics research labs</b> Leibniz Institute of Photonic Technology IPHT (Albert-Einstein-Strasse 9, 07745 Jena)			
17:00	<b>Humeyra Caglayan (Tampere)</b> Imaging Applications through Learning-Enhanced Metasurface Optics	<b>Aydogan Ozcan (UCLA) KEYNOTE, ONLINE</b> Programming Light Diffraction for Information Processing and Computational Imaging					
17:30							
18:00	<b>Dragomir Neshev (ANU Canberra)</b> Analog Image Processing with Linear and Nonlinear Flat Optics						
18:30				<b>Pizza, Wine &amp; Posters</b>			
19:00	<b>BBQ, Beer &amp; Posters</b>			We will continue our discussions at the posters.			
19:30	We will enjoy a typical Thuringian barbeque while having a first look at the posters.	<b>Conference Dinner &amp; Plants</b> Botanical Garden of University Jena (Fürstengraben 26, 07743 Jena)					
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22:00							

# PROGRAM - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

11:00 Registration & welcome coffee

12:00 Visit of photonics research labs

Fraunhofer Institute for Applied Optics and Precision Engineering IOF

Meeting point is the foyer of the Fraunhofer Institute (Albert-Einstein-Strasse 7, 07745 Jena, just opposite of the ACP)

13:30 Lunch (Casino Beutenberg)

14:15 Opening of the conference

*Session chair: Isabelle Staude*

14:30 **Machine Learning Enhanced Design of Meta-Atoms and Metasurfaces**

Carsten Rockstuhl (KIT - Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany)

15:30 **Neuromorphic Photonic Computing: Applications, Classical to Quantum -ONLINE**

Bhavin Shastri (Queen's University, Kingston, Canada)

16:30 **Coffee break**

*Session chair: Frank Setzpfandt*

17:00 **Imaging Applications through Learning-Enhanced Metasurface Optics**

Humeyra Caglayan (Tampere University, Finland)

18:00 **Analog Image Processing with Linear and Nonlinear Flat Optics**

Dragomir Neshev (ANU - The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia)

19:00 **Posters with BBQ & Beer**

We will enjoy a typical Thuringian barbeque in the Foyer of the Abbe Center of Photonics, while having a first look at the posters.

# PROGRAM - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2024

- 09:00**     **Science Heritage Experience on Optics in Jena: Past - Present – Future**  
Timo Mappes (Deutsches Optisches Museum and Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany)  
Jena, being awarded the title "historic site" by the European Physical Society, is the cradle of modern optics. Timo Mappes, the founding director of the Deutsches Optisches Museum, will take you on a walk through Jena's more than 100 years of optics history, from the early days of the founding fathers Abbe, Zeiss and Schott to the future in the upcoming Zeiss campus.
- 11:45**     **Welcome address**  
Georg Pohnert (Vice-President for Research of the Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany)
- Session chair: Thomas Pertsch*
- 12:00**     **AI Photonics - Merging Disciplines**  
Sina Saravi (Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany)
- 13:00**     **Lunch (Casino Beutenberg)**
- Session chair: Isabelle Staude*
- 14:00**     **Photonic Computing with Incoherent Light**  
Wolfram Pernice (Heidelberg University, Germany)
- 15:00**     **Semiconductors and Metasurfaces: From Neuromorphic Computing to Precision Experiments**  
Stefanie Kroker (Technische Universität Braunschweig, Germany)
- 16:00**     **Coffee break & posters**
- Session chair: Falk Eilenberger*
- 16:30**     **Deep Physical Neural Networks: A Case Study with a Two-Dimensionally Programmable Photonic Chip**  
Tatsuhiko Onodera (Cornell University, Ithaca, USA)
- 17:30**     **Programming Light Diffraction for Information Processing and Computational Imaging - KEYNOTE, ONLINE**  
Aydogan Ozcan (UCLA - University of California, Los Angeles, USA)
- 19:30**     **Conference Dinner & Plants**  
Botanical Garden of the Friedrich Schiller University Jena (Fürstengraben 26, 07743 Jena)

# PROGRAM - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

*Session chair: Alexander Breuer*

08:30 **Nonlinear Computation with Linear Optics - KEYNOTE, ONLINE**

Demetri Psaltis (EPFL - École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland)

09:30 **Fully Nonlinear Neuromorphic Computing with Linear Wave Scattering**

Clara Wanjura (MPL - Max Planck Institute for the Science of Light, Erlangen, Germany)

10:30 **Coffee break & posters**

*Session chair: Mario Chemnitz*

11:00 **Einsum - A Formal Language for Tensor Expressions**

Joachim Giesen and Alexander Breuer (Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany)

12:00 **The Potential of AI in Photonics - From Advanced Beam Shaping to Self-Learning Laser Processes**

Carlo Holly (Aachen)

13:00 **Lunch (Casino Beutenberg)**

*Session chair: Joachim Giesen*

14:00 **From Tensor Processing Primitive towards Tensor Compilers using upstream MLIR**

Alexander Heinecke (Intel Labs, Santa Clara, USA)

15:00 **Neuromorphic Computing with Nonlinear Dynamics in Single-Mode Fibers**

Mario Chemnitz (IPHT - Leibniz Institute for Photonic Technologies Jena, Germany)

16:00 **Coffee break**

16:30 **Visit of photonics research labs**

Leibniz Institute of Photonic Technology IPHT

18:30 **Posters with Pizza & Wine**



# PROGRAM - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

*Session chair: Martin Gärttner*

08:30 **Quantum Communication and Computation with High-Dimensional Entangled Photons - KEYNOTE**  
Yaron Bromberg (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)

09:30 **Quantum Enhanced Machine Learning: From Gate Synthesis to Photonic Reservoir Computing**  
Mauro Paternostro (University Palermo, Italy and QUB - Queen's University Belfast, UK)

10:30 **Coffee break & posters**

*Session chair: Dmitrii Pidgaiko*

11:00 **Hybrid Nanoprinted Neural Networks - ONLINE**  
Elena Goi (USST - University of Shanghai for Science and Technology, China)

12:00 **Optical Computing with Silicon Photonic Reservoirs**  
Peter Bienstman (Ghent University, Belgium)

13:00 **Lunch (Casino Beutenberg)**

*Session chair: Sina Saravi*

14:00 **Photonic Computation Enabled by Sound Waves**  
Birgit Stiller (MPL - Max Planck Institute for the Science of Light, Erlangen, Germany)

15:00 **Information Processing with Photons and Atoms**  
Janik Wolters (Technische Universität Berlin & DLR - German Aerospace Center, Germany)

16:00 **Farewell coffee & goodbye**

# POSTERS

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**Metasurfaces embedded in liquid crystals with spatially varying orientation**

**Maximilian Beddoe** (Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Institute of Solid State Physics, Abbe Center of Photonics, Jena, Germany)

[P2]

**Optimized photon pair generation in parametric down-conversion for high-dimensional maximally entangled states**

**Richard Bernecker** (Helmholtz Institute Jena, Jena, Germany)

[P3]

**High-efficiency tuneable metasurface for improved data encoding in optical neural networks.**

**Samuel Blair** (University of York, York, United Kingdom)

[P4]

**Second harmonic generation in all-optical diffractive neural networks**

**Marie Braasch, Thomas Pertsch, and Sina Saravi**

(Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Institute of Applied Physics, Abbe Center of Photonics, Jena, Germany)

[P5]

**Nonlinear interference and electron dynamics: probing photoelectron momentum distributions in strong-field ionization**

**Danish Furekh Dar** (Helmholtz Institute Jena, Jena, Germany)

[P6]

**Neuromorphic photonic processing based on a Kerr laser cavity**

**Luigi Di Lauro** (Institut national de la recherche scientifique, Montreal, Canada)

[P7]

**Machine learning for the free-form inverse design in nanophotonics**

**Timo Gahlmann** (AMOLF, Amsterdam, Netherlands)

[P8]

**Time-domain topology optimization of dispersive dielectric and plasmonic nanostructures for broadband performance**

**Johannes Gedeon, Izzatjon Allayarov, Antonio Calà**

**Lesina, and Emadeldeen Hassan** (Leibniz Universität Hannover, Hannover, Germany)

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**AI-driven discovery in quantum optics using graph representations**

**Xumei Gu** (Max Planck Institute for the Science of Light, Erlangen, Germany)

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**Advanced imaging projects at the Microverse Imaging Center**  
**Aurélie Jost<sup>1</sup>, Patrick Then<sup>1</sup>, Sophie Neumann<sup>1,2</sup>, and Christian Eggeling<sup>2,3</sup>** (<sup>1</sup>Microverse Imaging Center, Excellence Cluster "Balance of the Microverse", Friedrich Schiller University Jena; <sup>2</sup>Institute of Applied Optics and Biophysics, Friedrich Schiller University Jena; <sup>3</sup>Leibniz Institute of Photonic Technology (IPHT), Member of Leibniz Health Technologies, Member of the Leibniz Center for Photonics in Infection Research (LPI))

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**Non-Hermitian metagratings for spatial filtering**  
**Mikael Reichler, Radoslaw Kolkowski, and Andriy Shevchenko** (Aalto University, Espoo, Finland)

[P12]

**Optoelectrical neural network using MicroLEDs**  
**Robert Kraneis<sup>1</sup>, Maximilian Müller<sup>1</sup>, and Christian Werner<sup>2</sup>** (<sup>1</sup>TU Braunschweig, Institute of Semiconductor Technology, Braunschweig, Germany; <sup>2</sup>Ostfalia University of Applied Sciences, Wolfsburg, Germany)

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**Lased induced modification of a-Si:H film and metasurface**  
**Athira Kuppadakkath**  
(Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Institute of Applied Physics, Abbe Center of Photonics, Jena, Germany)

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**Photonic Crystal (PhC) enhanced light-matter interactions of perovskite emitters for optical neural networks**  
**Simone Ladanza** (Paul Scherrer Institute, Villigen, Switzerland)

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**Semiconductor nanowires: building blocks for nanoscale optoelectronics**  
**Jia Lu** (University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA)

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**Core-shell nanostructure based nanophotonics**  
**Georg Moethrath** (University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA)

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**UV-integrated photonics for quantum computing applications**  
**Klara Maria Meyer-Hermann, Gunho Jason Gabriel Jun, Sanjeet Kumar, Philipp Schultzen, Julian Rasmus Bankwitz, Xinyu Ma, Wolfram Pernice** (University of Heidelberg, Kirchhoff Institute for Physics, Heidelberg, Germany)

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# POSTERS

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**Inverse design for integrated polymer 3D optical circuits**  
**Abhishek Nanda** (Leibniz University Hannover, Cluster of Excellence PhoenixD, Hannover, Germany)

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**End to end design of RGB Metahologram**  
**Jaebum Noh** and **Junsuk Rho** (POSTECH - Pohang University of Science and Technology, Pohang, South Korea)

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**Nano and quantum information**  
**Malika Boubaker Ourabia** (University USTHB, El alia babezzouar, Algiers, Algeria)

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**Photonic neuromorphic computing with integrated phase change material equipped with nanographene-microheater**  
**Anna P. Ovyvan** and **Wolfram H. Pernice** (Heidelberg University, Physics Institute, Heidelberg, Germany)

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**AI-Powered education: Transformative insights from design thinking lecture projects**  
**Reinhold Pabst** (Fraunhofer IOF, Jena, Germany)

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**Interaction of vector light with atoms exposed to time dependent magnetic field**  
**Shreyas Ramakrishna** (Helmholtz Institute Jena, Jena, Germany)

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**Prospects of hybrid atomic-photonic neural networks for neuromorphic computing**  
**Elizabeth Robertson** (Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt, Berlin, Germany)

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**Machine learning-enhanced optical microresonator sensor for chip-independent multiplexed biosensing**  
**Anton Saetchnikov** (Ruhr-University Bochum, Applied Laser Technologies, Germany)

## THE VENUE

The conference is hosted by the Abbe Center of Photonics at the Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany.

The Abbe Center of Photonics (ACP) is the academic center of scientific activities in the fields of optics and photonics at the Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany. In the last years, ACP has become one of the leading European centers for research and education in optics and photonics as well as in the development and transfer of optical and quantum-photonic technologies. ACP is strongly engaged in young-career scientists' education via its integrated Abbe School of Photonics.

ACP fosters and sustains strong links with local industry partners as well as with the international scientific community. Research is conducted in joint cooperation with the Fraunhofer Institute Jena, the Helmholtz Institute Jena, the Leibniz Institute of Photonic Technology, and the Deutsches Optisches Museum.

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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Address of the venue

Abbe Center of Photonics  
Albert Einstein Strasse 6  
07745 Jena  
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### Mobile internet access

The worldwide WLAN "eduroam" is available in all rooms of the conference venue. If you would like to use our alternative Guest Wi-Fi, please see the notices in the foyer of the conference venue.

### Lunch

Lunch can be ordered in the Casino at the Abbe-Zentrum Beutenberg (Hans-Knöll-Str. 1, 07745 Jena; 2-minutes-walk from the conference venue).

### Public Transportation

The venue can be reached easily by public transportation from the city center of Jena (Bus station "Stadtzentrum Teichgraben"). Just take the bus line 10,11 or 12 and get off at the stop "Beutenberg Campus", from here it is a 5-minutes-walk to the Abbe Center of Photonics. Tickets can be purchased in every bus or tram or via the FAIRTIQ-App (App Store or Google Play Store).

### Further questions

If you have any further questions, you will find us in the foyer at the registration desk.



MANY THANKS TO ALL SUPPORTERS OF THE CONFERENCE!





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