Primary Area of Specialization: Solid State Theory / Computational Physics						
Identification number		Workload	Credits	Term of studying	Frequency of occurrence	Duration
MN-P-SP-THSol		(540 + 90) h	21 CP	1st to 3rd semester	Details are provided online in the table "Course Offerings".	3 semesters
1	Type of lessons	Contact times		Self-study times	Intended group size	
	a) Lecture	depending on the		depending on the		
	b) Problem class	individual choice		individual choice	15–20 Students per problem class	
	c) Advanced Seminar	10 h		80 h	individual counseling for the seminar	
	d) Exam	1 h		24 h		

2 Aims of the module and acquired skills

A deep understanding of fundamental concepts used to theoretically describe solids and their excitations / ability to describe phenomena like superconductivity and magnetism / understanding of important quantum field-theoretical and computational methods / ability to translate mathematical concepts into algorithms / computational approach to problem solving with applications to many-body physics / ability to acquaint oneself with scientific questions and to present results / preparation for a master thesis in theoretical physics.

3 Contents of the module

The module is subdivided into core courses, specialized courses and the advanced seminar

1. Core Courses
   - Solid State Theory (3+1 HPW, 6 CP): Concepts of solid state theory and description of excitations in solid
   - Computational Many-Body Physics (3+1 HPW, 6 CP): Overview of elementary numerical approaches to study many-body systems, both classical and quantum.
   - Quantum Field Theory I (4+2 HPW, 9 CP): Modern methods to describe solids based on functional integrals and by using diagrammatic methods

2. Specialized courses:
   - Quantum Field Theory II (4+2 HPW, 9 CP)
   - One course chosen from the specialized courses of the module Condensed Matter Physics
   - Hydrodynamics (2+2 HPW, 6 CP)
   - Advanced Topics in Solid State Theory (3+1 HPW, 6 CP)
   - and others, including fitting courses from Bonn University, if approved by the module coordinator

3. Advanced Seminar on topical subjects of Solid State Theory (2 HPW, 3 CP)

The contents of the specialized courses can be found in the "kommentiertes Vorlesungsverzeichnis" and in the lecture descriptions online.

4 Teaching/Learning methods

Besides the teaching in lectures, the self-study based on books and lecture notes plays an important role. The students work individually on problem sets and implement computational algorithms. In discussions with others and in the problem classes, they learn to solve challenging problems in a team and to present their approaches and results. By preparing an advanced seminar, they become acquainted with a current topic of research, scientific methods and literature. They also learn to communicate in a pedagogical way on an advanced topic.

5	Requirements for participation Basic knowledge in theoretical physics at the level of the bachelor courses in physics
6	Type of module examinations The module is passed by passing an oral examination covering the topics of all attended courses. To be admitted to the exam, students must actively participate in the problem sessions (including the solution of homework problems) and present a scientific talk in the advanced seminar course. The grade given for the module is equal to the grade of the oral examination.
7	Requisites for the allocation of credits The following courses have to be chosen from the list given above in order to acquire the necessary credit points: 1. Two of the core courses or, alternatively, both the courses Quantum Field Theory I and Quantum Field Theory II 2. One advanced seminar 3. Further core courses, specialized courses or a second advanced seminar The module is passed by passing an oral examination covering the topics of all attended courses.
8	Compatibility with other Curricula and Soft Skills As elective subject in other M.Sc. programs. Scientific reading and presentation skills, in particular oral presentations. This module prepares for topics of current research in solid stat theory and provides the basis for the preparation of the master thesis.
9	Significance of the module mark for the overall grade The weight of the module is 21/111 ≈ 18.9 %.
10	Module coordinator A. Rosch
11	Additional information Detailed information on the occurrence and the course contents are provided online and in the “kommentiertes Vorlesungsverzeichnis”. Version: 05.06.2015 HK