



北京大學
PEKING UNIVERSITY

Memorandum of Understanding

between

**The Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences,
University of Bonn, Bonn, Germany**

and

**The School of Physics,
Peking University, Beijing, China**

regarding a

Common Ph.D. program in Physics

1. Introduction

This document implements the Common Ph.D. program (from hereon called the program) in physics between the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences of Rheinische-Friedrich-Wilhelms Universität Bonn (from here on called Bonn University) (UB) and the School of Physics at Peking University (PKU). The degree given at UB is called Dr. rer. nat. . Students participating in the program will be enrolled in the Ph.D. Programs of both Universities. In recognition of the completion of the program, both UB and PKU will confer to the student a common certificate about the successful participation in the program. The Ph.D. degree will be granted from the student's home institution. The efficiency of the program management in the short term and its sustainability in the long term are considered important goals to all involved institutions.

To fulfill these goals, the program stakeholders are committed to pursue the integration of objectives.

The objective is the construction of a coherent common Ph.D.-level program between UB and PKU. The program refers to the three year research phase of the Ph.D. program at UB and the students who have passed the core courses at PKU as specified in Section 2.1.

For an initial period of four years, the students are enrolled who perform research within the framework of the Collaborative Research Center 110 "Symmetries and the Emergence of Structure in Quantumchromodynamics" (from here on called CRC 110). If successful, this agreement will be extended to other fields of physics and astrophysics that are of common interest to both UB and PKU.

2. Program Structure

2.1. Admission

Admission to the doctoral program will be granted only to applicants who show convincing evidence of high-order analytical skills, intellectual curiosity, and the ability to work independently in pursuing scholarly research.

The admission requirements and criteria are set by both UB and PKU. Students from UB must have successfully passed their M.Sc. requirements (or equivalent) and the students from PKU must have successfully passed the core courses in advanced quantum mechanics, quantum field theory, group theory, quantum gauge field theory, Lie groups and Lie algebra in physics, and particle physics.

Candidates of the program come only from the students who have been admitted either by UB or PKU. Details on the selection process are given in Section 3.

2.2. Organization

All students are held to the highest scientific standards, and must satisfy all requirements of the involved programs, as mapped in the following common program structure:

- **Period of stay.** Students will stay typically 60%/40% at the host/guest institution, for an expected duration of three (3) years. Students must satisfy the minimum residency requirements of both institutions.
- **Co-supervision** - Theses will be co-advised, with at least two co-advisers, one from UB and one from PKU.
- **Non-course requirements** – Students must satisfy non-course requirements set by both Physics Ph.D. programs, for example, the minimal publication requirement at PKU.
- **Defense of dissertation** – Involves delivery of a dissertation deliberately written for the purpose, its corresponding discussion, and approval. The dissertation will be defended in a public oral examination, recognized by both contracting parties, at UB or at PKU or at both, as agreed on a case by case basis. Video-conferencing will be allowed and encouraged.

3. Management Model

Leadership of the Common Ph.D. programs

The Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences and the Dean of the PKU School of Physics will appoint at least two Ph.D. co-directors, one in PKU and one in UB, and form a Common Program Committee led by them. The committee will be responsible for (i) recommending students who will be considered for admission to the program, (ii) day-to-day managing of each program, and (iii) representing the program in all instances.

Announcement and Application

- The Common Ph.D. Program will be announced in several ways by both sides.
- The students who have been admitted by either UB or PKU will be notified of the program promptly.

Admission and Selection

- The Common Program Committee will recommend students for the common program from a pool of students who have already been admitted by either UB or PKU.
- Every student who applies should have one initial contact point both at UB and PKU. Initial contacts should be co-advisors of his or her choice.
- Final decisions on admissions to the program will be made by each institution according to its own policies and procedures.

Funding Process

- Students replying positively to the acceptance letter are enrolled in the program.
- The individual faculty members co-advising a Common Program graduate student are responsible for the expenses. They are generated in the first four (4) years from funds provided to the CRC 110 and individual funds of the Principal Investigators of that project. But we anticipate using the program as the foundation for application of funding

to support other fields of physics and astrophysics of mutual interest to UB and PKU.
This will allow both partners to expand their participation.

- This MOU shall not create a financial obligation for either party.

Compliance with Official Requirements

- All thesis examination boards are appointed and approved in agreement with the rules at UB and PKU.
- The thesis must be in English.
- Protection of the intellectual property developed during the research will be carried out in compliance with the specific procedures of each of the countries and institutions involved in this protocol.
- Subject to legislation on doctoral studies in force in each contracting university, the selected candidates will register for study at both UB and PKU. All Ph.D. candidates must pay tuition and other required fees at their home institution if applicable. The host institution will provide tuition waivers, as relevant.
- If issues not covered by this Agreement arise, the parties will reconvene to decide them.

School of Physics
Peking University (PKU)

Date: 2012-09-17

Deputy Dean of School




Professor Yu-Gang Wang

Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences
Bonn University (UB)

Date: 2012-09-17

Dean of Faculty



Professor Ulf Meißner