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## Education

- 10/2005–  
02/2011 **Studies of Physics**, *Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg*, Germany,  
Degree: Diploma of physics (Grade: 1.0 - “with distinction”)
- Course specializations: Quantum Optics and Quantum Information Theory, Astronomy
  - Diploma thesis: “[Characterizing and Exploiting Hybrid Entanglement](#)”, performed at the Max Planck Institute for the Science of Light
- 10/2007–  
04/2008 **Semester Abroad**, *Imperial College London*, London, Great Britain
- Research project: Experimental test of a novel spatial light modulator (Grade: 93%)

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## Experience

- since  
06/2012 **Ph.D. Student**, *Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research*, Mainz, Germany
- Develop and apply new adaptive resolution methods for efficient computer simulations of molecular fluids
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01/2013 **Software Developer**, *ESPResSo++*
- Implement parallel algorithms for efficient molecular dynamics simulations  
[www.espresso-pp.de](http://www.espresso-pp.de)
- 01/2015–  
09/2015 **Visiting Research Scholar**, *New York University*, New York City, USA
- Performed research on novel adaptive quantum/classical simulation methodologies for molecular dynamics and Monte Carlo simulations of soft matter
- 02/2014–  
01/2015 **Freelancer & Student Assistant**, *Stratley AG & KPMG*, Cologne, Germany
- Carried out research work and performed analyses for a study on land use competition (Stratley AG was taken over by KPMG in summer 2014)
- 06/2012 **Visiting Researcher**, *Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics*, Santa Barbara, USA
- Month-long participation in the program “Physical Principles of Multiscale Modeling, Analysis and Simulation in Soft Condensed Matter”
- 02/2012–  
04/2012 **Visiting Associate**, *Stratley AG*, Cologne, Germany
- Conducted a worldwide market study for a globally active, German chemical company
- 03/2009–  
01/2012 **Research and Teaching Assistant**, *Max Planck Institute for the Science of Light*, Erlangen & *Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg*, Germany
- Worked on publications of results of the diploma thesis
  - Teaching assistant for experimental physics 2
  - Performed experimental research on photonic networks
- 03/2011–  
05/2011 **Traveler**, backpacked through China, Thailand, Laos and Cambodia

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## Awards and Scholarships

- 10/2013 **Poster prize** for the best poster (1. place) at the “Meet-Your-Colleague-Day 2013” of the Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research

- 02/2013–08/2016 **PhD scholarship** of the Graduate School of Excellence Materials Science in Mainz
- 10/2011 **Ohm-Prize** of the Department for Physics of the Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg for an outstanding diploma thesis
- 10/2007–04/2008 **Erasmus grant** during the semester abroad in London
- 06/2005 **Book prize of the German Physical Society** for excellent achievements in the subject of physics in school

## Advanced Training

- 11/2016 **Advanced C++ with Focus on Software Engineering**, four-day course of the High Performance Computing Center Stuttgart
- 07/2016–09/2016 **Machine Learning**, 11-week online course on Coursera taught by Andrew Ng of Stanford University
- 06/2015–09/2015 **Data Science**, *General Assembly*, New York, USA
- Three-month part-time course Data Science: Topics include data exploration and analysis, modeling and predicting, machine learning and statistics, visualization
  - Final project: “Read Like You Tweet”, a news article recommendation system for Twitter users, implemented at [readlikeyoutweet.herokuapp.com](http://readlikeyoutweet.herokuapp.com)
- 10/2014 **Basic techniques and tools for development and maintenance of atomic-scale software**, five-day CECAM workshop at the École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne
- 06/2014 **Programming in C++ for C programmers**, six-day training course of the Forschungszentrum Jülich
- 05/2014 **Leadership and Management Skills**, two-day workshop of the Graduate School of Excellence Materials Science in Mainz
- 03/2014 **Parallelization with MPI and OpenMP**, three-day parallel programming workshop of the High Performance Computing Center Stuttgart
- 10/2013 **Cross-Cultural Communication and Leadership**, two-day workshop of the Graduate School of Excellence Materials Science in Mainz
- 06/2013 **Interpersonal Communication and Problem Resolution**, two-day workshop of the Graduate School of Excellence Materials Science in Mainz
- 01/2013 **MolSim-2013**, two-week school on molecular simulation techniques at the University of Amsterdam
- 10/2011 **Strategy School 2011**, two-day workshop of the Boston Consulting Group

## IT Skills

Programming	Good knowledge of Python, C/C++ and Bash. Basic knowledge of MPI and OpenMP
Typesetting	Good knowledge of $\LaTeX$
Operating Systems	Good knowledge of Linux/Unix and Windows
Microsoft Office	Good knowledge of Word, Powerpoint and Excel
Others	Basic knowledge of Gnuplot, Mathematica, GIMP and Inkscape

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## Language Skills

- German Mother tongue  
English Fluent in both spoken and written English

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## Publications

- 07/2016 **The relative entropy is fundamental to adaptive resolution simulations**, *K. Kreis and R. Potestio*, *J. Chem. Phys.* **145**, 044104 (2016)
- 07/2016 **Adaptive Resolution Simulations with Self-Adjusting High-Resolution Regions**, *K. Kreis, R. Potestio, K. Kremer, and A. C. Fogarty*, *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* **12**, 4067 (2016)  
◦ *Featured on the journal cover*, [Volume 12, Issue 10, October 2016](#)
- 05/2016 **From Classical to Quantum and Back: A Hamiltonian Scheme for Adaptive Multiresolution Classical/Path-Integral Simulations**, *K. Kreis, M. E. Tuckerman, D. Donadio, K. Kremer, and R. Potestio*, *J. Chem. Theory Comput.* **12**, 3030 (2016)
- 09/2015 **Advantages and challenges in coupling an ideal gas to atomistic models in adaptive resolution simulations**, *K. Kreis, A. C. Fogarty, K. Kremer, and R. Potestio*, *Eur. Phys. J. Special Topics* **224**, 2289 (2015)
- 11/2014 **A unified framework for force-based and energy-based adaptive resolution simulations**, *K. Kreis, D. Donadio, K. Kremer, and R. Potestio*, *EPL* **108**, 30007 (2014)
- 03/2012 **Classifying, quantifying, and witnessing qudit-quumode hybrid entanglement**, *K. Kreis and P. van Loock*, *Phys. Rev. A* **85**, 032307 (2012)

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## Presentations

- 03/2016 **From classical to quantum and back: A Hamiltonian scheme for adaptive multi-resolution classical/path integral simulations**, *K. Kreis, M. E. Tuckerman, D. Donadio, K. Kremer, and R. Potestio*, Spring Meeting of the German Physical Society, Regensburg, Germany
- 10/2015 **Quantum/Classical Adaptive Resolution Simulations**, *K. Kreis*, Student Seminar of the Graduate School of Excellence Materials Science in Mainz, Lisbon, Portugal
- 09/2015 **Adaptive Resolution: From Atomistic and Coarse-Grained Hybrid Simulations to Quantum-Classical Coupling**, *K. Kreis*, Invited Talk, D. E. Shaw Research, New York City, USA
- 08/2015 **Adaptive Resolution: From Atomistic and Coarse-Grained Hybrid Simulations to Quantum-Classical Coupling**, *K. Kreis*, Invited Talk, Pennsylvania State University, State College, USA
- 03/2015 **A Hamiltonian theory of adaptive resolution simulations of classical and quantum models of nuclei**, *K. Kreis, D. Donadio, K. Kremer, and R. Potestio*, APS March Meeting, San Antonio, USA
- 07/2014 **About Planets and Proteins - Computer Simulations in Materials Science**, *K. Kreis*, Student Seminar of the Graduate School of Excellence Materials Science in Mainz, Prague, Czech Republic
- 03/2011 **On Hybrid Entanglement**, *K. Kreis and P. van Loock*, Spring Meeting of the German Physical Society, Dresden, Germany

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## Posters

- 10/2014 **Quantum/Classical Adaptive Resolution Simulations**, *K. Kreis, D. Donadio, K. Kremer, and R. Potestio*, CECAM meeting: Multiscale simulation methods for soft matter systems, Mainz, Germany
- 10/2013 **Water in Adaptive Quantum/Classical Resolution**, *K. Kreis, S. Fritsch, R. Potestio, D. Donadio, and K. Kremer*, Retreat of the Graduate School of Excellence Materials Science in Mainz, Bad Dürkheim, Germany
- 10/2013 **Water in Adaptive Quantum/Classical Resolution**, *K. Kreis, S. Fritsch, R. Potestio, D. Donadio, and K. Kremer*, "Meet-Your-Colleague-Day 2013" of the Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research, Mainz, Germany
- Poster prize for the best poster (1. place)
- 08/2013 **Multiscale Simulations of Soft Matter with Adaptive Resolution Methods**, *K. Kreis, R. Potestio, and K. Kremer*, Student Seminar of the Graduate School of Excellence Materials Science in Mainz, Stockholm, Sweden
- 06/2013 **Adaptive resolution techniques for molecular simulation**, *K. Kreis, S. Fritsch, R. Potestio, D. Mukherji, and K. Kremer*, CECAM meeting: Mainz Materials Simulation Days 2013, Mainz, Germany

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## Teaching

- 10/2016 **Tutorial on Adaptive Resolution Simulations in ESPResSo++**, *CECAM school "Multiscale Simulations of Soft Matter with Hands-On Tutorials on ESPResSo++ and VOTCA"*, Mainz, Germany
- 10/2015 **Tutorial on Adaptive Resolution Simulations in ESPResSo++**, *ESPResSo Summer School 2015*, Institute for Computational Physics, Stuttgart, Germany
- 10/2014 **Teaching Assistant for ESPResSo++**, *School on Multiscale Modeling and Use of Espresso++ and VOTCA*, Mainz, Germany
- 10/2013 **Tutorial on Adaptive Resolution Simulations in ESPResSo++**, *ESPResSo Summer School 2013*, Institute for Computational Physics, Stuttgart, Germany
- 10/2013–02/2014 **Teaching Assistant in Physics Lab for medical students**, Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Germany
- 04/2013–07/2013 **Teaching Assistant in Physics Lab for medical students**, Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Germany
- 10/2012–02/2013 **Teaching Assistant for Analytical Mechanics**, Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz, Germany
- 04/2010–07/2010 **Teaching Assistant for Experimental Physics 2**, Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany