

## Seminar announcement

## Tuesday, July 23, 2024 1:30 pm ZNN, Seminar room EG 0.001 <u>Exclusively in person</u>

## "Ultrafast and ultrasmall: Probing atomic defects in 2D semiconductors with (lightwavedriven) STM"

Two-dimensional (2D) semiconductors provide an exciting platform to engineer atomic quantum systems in a robust, yet tunable solid-state system. In this colloquium, I will present our efforts to unravel the interesting physics behind single dopant atoms in transition metal dichalcogenide (TMD) monolayers such as the Jahn-Teller driven symmetry breaking at Re dopants and S vacancies in MoS2 [1].

Moreover, we aim to resolve the ultrafast charge dynamics at the atomic scale. Recently, we determined layer-dependent charge transfer lifetime of Se vacancies in WSe2 on graphene substrates [2]. I will also present our advancements in developing an ultrafast lightwave-driven scanning tunneling microscope using single-cycle THz pulses [3]. Mapping of the THz rectified charge as a function of dc bias and THz field amplitude ("QEV map") facilitates a precise calibration of the near-field transient bias, enabling state-selective tunneling into specific defect states or TMD bands [4].

References:

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