

Welcome and News from KSETA

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KARLSRUHE SCHOOL ELEMENTARY PARTICLE AND ASTROPARTICLE PHYSICS: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

or

KARLSRUHER GRADUIERTENSCHULE FÜR ELEMENTARTEILCHEN- UND ASTROTEILCHENPHYSIK: WISSENSCHAFT UND TECHNOLOGIE

KSETA is the doctoral school of the KIT Center KCETA.

KCETA



The KIT Center Elementary Particle and Astroparticle Physics (KCETA) is one of seven KIT centers, with 350 people doing research on particle physics, astroparticle physics and the development of corresponding technologies.

You are part of it!



Overview



- DFG funding 11/2012–10/2017 from German Excellence Initiative.
- Three pillars: Particle Physics, Astroparticle Physics, Advanced Technologies.
- 43 Principal Investigators from (astro-)particle physics, electrical engineering, information technology, informatics.
- Doctoral researchers: now 112.
- Personalized course programs, block courses.







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- Example: Electronics engineer at KATRIN:

DEEPER: Nanoelectronics, Cryogenic detectors BROADER: Basic quantum mechanics, Neutrino physics BETTER: Time management, Project management





Regular special events:

- KSETA topical courses on Physics and Technology (= our block courses), March and October.
- Plenary workshop (2014: Bad Herrenalb, 2015 and 2016 Durbach), in February or March.
- A workshop organized by you, the doctoral researchers.
- Lecture series by the recipient of the KCETA Julius Wess Award.



Herwig Schopper:



Experimental nuclear and particle physics, head of two institutes, IEKP and IKP 1960-1973. CERN Director General 1981-1988.

1967: invention of the hadron calorimeter (Schopper, Engler) to study neutron-nucleon processes in Serpuchov/Protvino:





Julius Wess:



Theoretical particle physics, head of ITP 1968-1988.

Julius Wess and Bruno Zumino (CERN) study anomalies in quantum field theory and develop supersymmetry (\rightarrow 50000 papers worldwide).



- Supersymmetry: experiments on gauge coupling unification at LEP, electroweak precision calculations.
- Superconducting cavities.
- Crystal Barrel Detector, LEAR, CERN.
- Determinations of α_s and charm and bottom masses with record precisions.
- Significant contributions to the silicon detectors at CDF (Fermilab) and CMS (CERN).
- Significant contributions to the discovery of $B_s \overline{B}_s$ mixing at CDF.
- Tier-1 center of the World-Wide Grid for LHC data analysis.



- Neutrino experiment KARMEN (until 2001) at Rutherford Lab, UK, constraining for $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}$ oscillations.
- Neutrino experiment KATRIN (starting in 2016) measuring the absolute neutrino mass scale.
- Kascade(-Grande) (until 2009) studying cosmic ray spectrum in the medium-energy range ("knee").
- Largest group in cosmic ray experiment AUGER in Argentina.



KSETA Doctoral Fellows

Benefits:

- training program with topical courses, special lectures, workshops, guest scientists,
- budget for conference travel and equipment,
- research environment with 112 Doctoral Fellows
 - \longrightarrow 39% of you are financed from KSETA sources (including LGF stipends),
- possibility of a short-term postdoc grant after graduation.

KSETA Doctoral Fellows



Why should I care about KSETA if my funding comes from other sources?

Your supervisors flexibly use many funding sources, without KSETA we would have 39% less doctoral researchers: It could have hit you...

KSETA secures and attracts other funds for doctoral researchers.



KSETA Doctoral Fellows



For your rights and duties please consult the KSETA Welcome Guide.

Important duties:

- attend a minimum number of 6 courses during your 3-year PhD studies,
- write your annual report,
- keep your personal web page up-to-date,
- list your publications in the files publications-reviewed.bib and publications-UNreviewed.bib.
 - \longrightarrow We have reporting duties towards our funding agencies and must list the publications.

News ticker



- Agreement on a Double Doctoral Degree in Astrophysics with UNSAM since September 1, 2015.
- First steps to define KSETA budget after October 31, 2017: review by ministry of Baden-Württemberg, financial commitment of KIT president.
- Julius Wess Award offered to Lisa Randall of Harvard University.



