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**CHAMPP**

CENTER IN HAMBURG  
FOR ASTRO, MATHEMATICAL  
AND PARTICLE PHYSICS

## LECTURE COURSE IN THE CHAMPP GRADUATE SCHOOL

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Winter Term 2018/2019

# General Theory of Relativity

**B. Bahr**

### Course Description:

This lecture will provide an introduction to the basics of the theory of general relativity including applications such as black holes and cosmology. The following topics will be covered:

- Recapitulation of the Theory of Special Relativity: Four-vector Formalism, accelerated observers
- Manifolds and Curved Spaces
- Basics of Tensors and differential forms
- Gravitation and Einstein's Field Equations
- The Schwarzschild Solution and Black Holes
- Cosmology: Maximally symmetric spaces and the Friedmann-Robertson-Walker metric
- Gravitational waves

### Prerequisites:

Knowledge of theoretical physics on the level of a bachelor degree in physics is strongly recommended. Basic knowledge of special relativity.

### Literature:

will be announced in the lecture

**Date and Place:** Wed, 10:15 – 11:45, Hörsaal III, Jungiusstrasse 9  
Fri, 10:15 – 11:45, Hörsaal III, Jungiusstrasse 9

**Problem Classes:** Fri, 12:00 – 13:30, SR 1, Jungiusstrasse 9  
and Fri, 14:15 – 15:45, SR 1, Jungiusstrasse 9

**Starting on:** 17 October 2018

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