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Chapter 1

Introduction

In the last few years...

Now my major contribution which is aaaaawesome...

Chapter 2

The Awesome Theory

The Large Hadron Collider (*LHC*) is a particle collider which is situated near Geneva, Switzerland and lies about 100 m below ground level.

Chapter 3

Experimental Setup

In this chapter, the experimental setup which was used for the majority of the experiments described in this thesis will be introduced. After a short overview, it will be described in further detail.

3.1 Intro Confocal Setup

The key measurements of this thesis are fluorescence measurements of SiV centers in nanodiamonds. For this aim, a home-built confocal setup is used. The setup serves to perform a series of measurement of fluorescence light: scanning the sample to find SiV centers, recording luminescence spectra of the aforementioned, determine the saturation count rate and determine whether the emitter in question is a single emitter by performing photon autocorrelation measurements. The two key components for these measurements are

- A Hanbury-Brown and Twiss setup to investigate the single photon character. It is built up of two avalanche photo diodes (APDs) which also serve to scan the sample in order to find emitters on the sample surface; and to perform saturation measurements.
- A spectrometer to investigate the spectral properties.

A slightly modified version of the setup is used to perform measurements of the Raman emission of the diamond host material.

3.2 Details Confocal Setup

Figure 3.1 depicts a sketch of the confocal setup. Except for the laser and the sample stage, the whole setup is fixed to a vertical breadboard. This design allows for easy exchanging of the samples, without the need of gluing them to a vertical stage.

The friction between the sample and the aluminum surface of the stage is sufficient that the sample does not move during scanning. The stage is powered with two stepper motors () in the horizontal x and y directions. The objective is fixed to another stage which in turn is fixed

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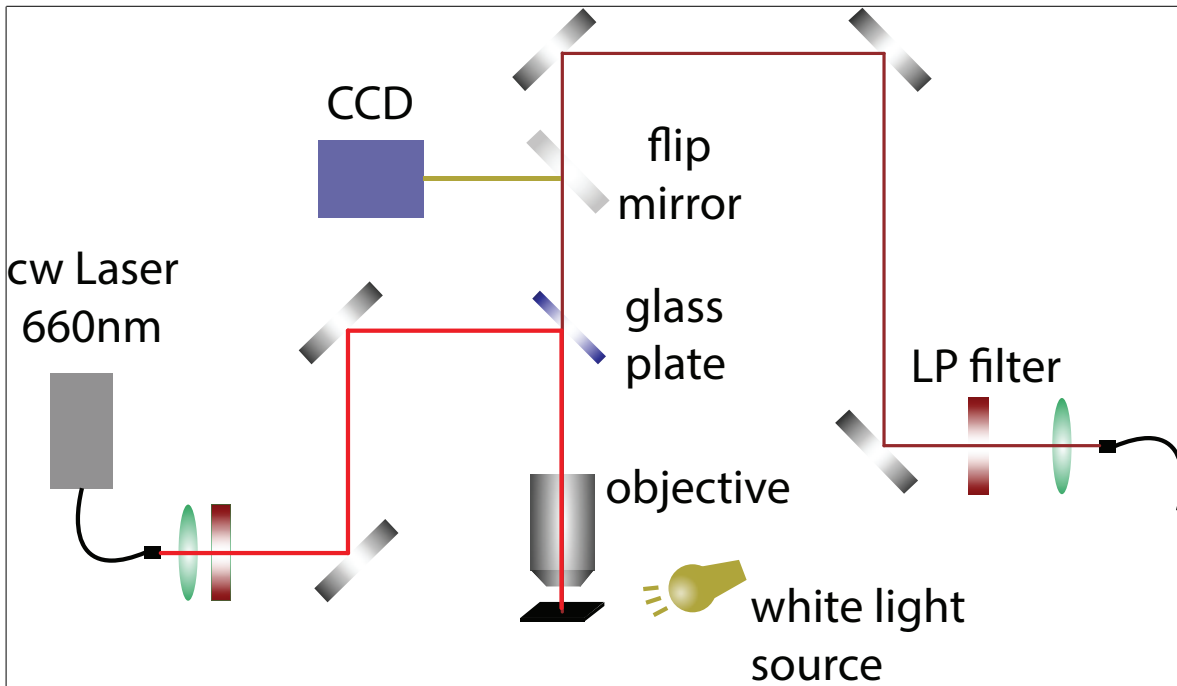


Figure 3.1: Confocal setup

to the vertical breadboard. In this way, the vertical z direction is implemented for focusing the laser light on the sample.

The bright red color at the left-hand side of the sketch represents the excitation beam path. The sample is excited with a continuous wave diode laser (Schäfter-Kirchhoff, 58FCM) which emits at a wavelength of 660 nm. The outlet of the light is through a pigtail fiber, the light is outcoupled and collimated exploiting an aspheric lens. To suppress sideband emission from the laser, a bandpass filter with a window of 10 nm around a center of 660 nm is used. The excitation beam then hits a beamsplitter (described below) and is guided through the objective (numerical aperture of 0.8, Olympus, LMPlanFLN 100x) and focused on the sample.

As the luminescence light from the emitter is in the same focus as the excitation laser light, it is effectively collected by the objective. Hence also the name confocal setup.

The collected light then follows the detection beam path depicted in a dark red color in Figure 3.1. First, it passes through the beamsplitter. According to the experimental necessities, either a glass plate (fabricator Halle Germany) with a transmission of 90% or a dichroic mirror is employed. While the glass plate features a higher collection efficiency

3.3 Raman Measurements

3.4 Nanomanipulator

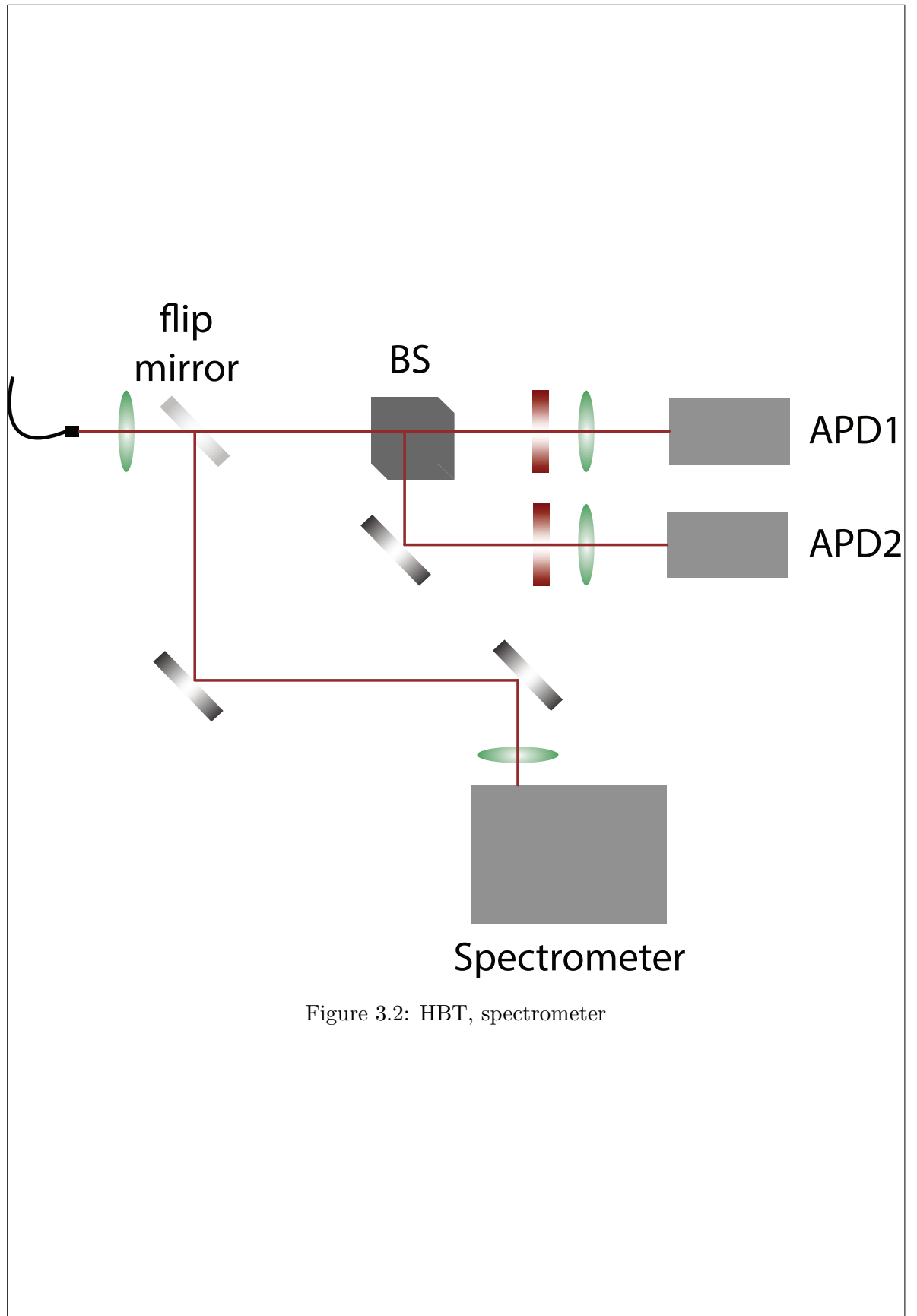


Figure 3.2: HBT, spectrometer

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Experimental Results

In the following paragraphs, both phenomenological of the nanodiamonds and spectroscopic measurement of the SiV centers are described. Unless explicitly otherwise stated, the results in this paper report measurements of the milled nanodiamonds containing *in-situ* incorporated SiV centers.

4.1 Diamond Characteristics

4.1.1 Raman Measurements

4.1.2 Transmission Electron Microscopy

4.2 Photoluminescence spectra

4.2.1 Sideband

4.3 Photon correlation measurements

4.4 Photostability

Chapter 5

discussion

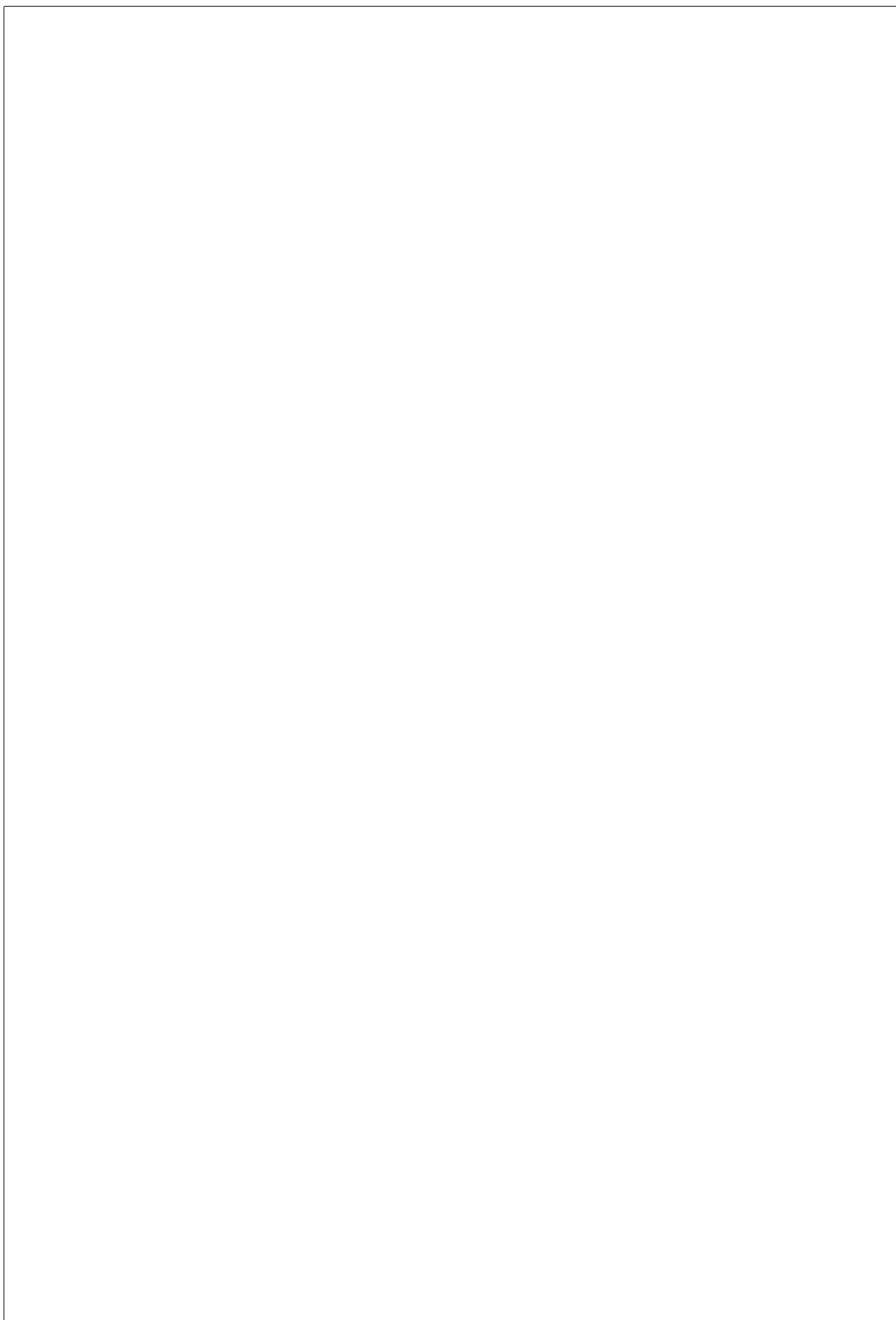
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Conclusion

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Text of Minor Interest



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