

# CURRICULUM VITAE: DR. DIRK PESCHKA

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## Personal Information

Name	Dirk Peschka
Place & Date of Birth	21.11.1977 in Zossen
Marital status	Married (2 Children)
Citizenship	German
Languages	German (native), English (fluent)



## Current Position

At the moment I am working as a postdoctoral researcher at the Weierstraß-Institut in Berlin, performing project-oriented research in applied mathematics and theoretical physics.

## Research Interests

- Modeling:**
- electronics and optics (e.g. charge transport, semiconductor lasers)
  - soft matter problems (e.g. viscous flows, complex fluids, granular matter)
  - multiphase flows (e.g. reacting mixtures, bilayers)
  - energetic principles and thermodynamics (e.g. multiphysics)
- Simulation:**
- finite element methods (FEM) (e.g. conformal, mixed or higher-order FEM)
  - ALE methods for moving domains (e.g. grids, isoparametric FEM)
  - convection dominated transport (e.g. stable discretization, FV schemes)
  - degenerate problems (e.g. stable higher-order methods)
- Mathematics:**
- nonlinear higher-order partial differential equations (PDEs)
  - variational formulations (e.g. gradient flows and their generalization)
  - free boundary problems and moving contact lines
  - model reduction (e.g. matched asymptotic expansions)

## Education

2008	<b>Ph. D. (Dr. rer. nat.) in Mathematics (magna cum laude)</b> Institut für Mathematik, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin "Analysis of thin films with slippage"
2005-2008	<b>Scholarship in the DFG Graduate School 1128</b> "Analysis, Numerics, and Optimization of Multiphase Problems"
2004-2005	<b>Scholarship in the DFG Graduate School 271/3-02</b> "Strukturuntersuchungen, Präzisionstests und Erweiterung des Standardmodells der Elementarteilchenphysik"
2004	<b>Diploma (Dipl. Phys.) in Physics (mit Auszeichnung)</b> Institut für Physik, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin "On the semiclassical structure of QCD—A lattice study at finite temperature"

## Professional Experience & Research Projects

2014-present	<p><b>Research Associate in the Einstein Center for Mathematics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>researcher in MATHEON projects OT1 &amp; OT8 on optical technologies OT8: "Modeling, analysis, and optimization of optoelectronic semiconductor devices driven by experimental data" (June 2017-present, with M. Thomas) OT1: "Mathematical modeling, analysis, and optimization of strained germanium-microbridges" (2014-2017, with M. Thomas, T. Surowiec, A. Mielke, M. Hintermüller)</li> <li>member of MATHEON <a href="#">executive board</a></li> <li>organization WIAS "Halbleiterseminar" &amp; "Materialmodellierungsseminar"</li> <li>co-founded a special interest group on computational electronics within the "European Consortium for Mathematics in Industry" (ECMI)</li> <li>organization minisymposia at applied math conferences (ECM, ECMI, ICIAM)</li> <li><b>software:</b> semiconductor device simulation and optimization</li> </ul>
June-Sept 2014 Sept-Nov 2012 Oct-Nov 2011 July-Oct 2010	<p><b>Invited Visiting Researcher at the University of California Los Angeles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>modeling, theory, simulation and experiments of suspension flows (with A. Bertozzi, N. Murisic, B. Pausader, L. Wang)</li> <li>mentor for REU project and lab supervisor for <a href="#">UCLA applied math lab</a></li> </ul>
June 2010 – May 2014	<p><b>Research Associate in the DFG Research Center MATHEON</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>researcher in MATHEON <a href="#">project C10</a> on interface dynamics (with B. Wagner)</li> <li><b>software:</b> complex fluids and Navier-Stokes flow</li> </ul>
June 2010 – May 2016	<p><b>Principal Investigator in Priority Programme 1506</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>co-PI and project proposer of <a href="#">SPP project</a> (2 funding periods)</li> <li>mentor for Ph. D. thesis of Sebastian Jachalski</li> <li>cooperation with R. Seemann and B. Wagner within tandem project</li> <li>associated to MATHEON as SE-AP15</li> <li><b>software:</b> thin-film / Stokes flow with free boundaries</li> </ul>
April 2008 – June 2010	<p><b>Research Associate in an Industry Project with Océ (a Canon company)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>research on flow instabilities in an innovative printing device</li> <li>collaboration with E. Bänsch (Univ. Erlangen) from applied mathematics</li> <li><b>software:</b> particulate flow in an electrolyte</li> </ul>
2005-2008	<p><b>Ph. D. candidate in DFG Research Training Group 1128</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>advisors Prof. A. Münch (Univ. Oxford) and Prof. B. Niethammer (Univ. Bonn)</li> </ul>

## — Cooperations

- **Prof. Alexander Mielke, Prof. Michael Hintermüller, Dr. Marita Thomas, Dr. Nella Rotundo, Dr. Thomas Koprucki, Dr. Matthias Liero and Dr. Annegret Glitzky (all WIAS)**  
Topics: modeling, simulation, optimization, and analysis of semiconductor devices
- **Prof. Ralf Seemann and Prof. Karin Jacobs (Univ. d. Saarlandes)**  
Topics: modeling, validation, simulation of pattern formation processes in multiphase flows
- **Dr. Barbara Wagner (WIAS)**  
Topics: modeling, model reduction, formal asymptotics
- **Prof. Luca Heltai (SISSA, Trieste)**  
Topics: higher-order methods and high-performance computing with the deal.II library
- **Dr. Patricio Farrell (Hamburg Univ. of Technology)**  
Topics: numerical methods for drift-diffusion semiconductor models
- **Prof. Andrea Bertozzi (Univ. of California Los Angeles)**  
Topics: simulation, modeling and experiments for suspension flows
- **Prof. Andreas Münch and Dr. Georgy Kitavtsev (Univ. Oxford)**  
Topics: modeling, asymptotical methods, simulation, applications with fluid flows
- **Prof. Thomas Surowiec (Univ. Marburg)**  
Topics: topology optimization of optoelectronic devices
- **Prof. T. John, Dr. H. Vrijmoed (FU Berlin) and Dr. M. Rosenau (GFZ Potsdam)**  
Topics: modeling and simulation of multiscale geophysical systems
- **Prof. G. Capellini (IHP Frankfurt Oder), Dr. M. Virgilio (Univ. Pisa), Prof. T. Schröder (IKZ)**  
Topics: experiments, modeling, simulation, and optimization of optoelectronic devices

## — Third Party Funding

In cooperation with Dr. Barbara Wagner (WIAS) and Prof. Ralf Seemann (Univ. Saarbrücken) I successfully applied for a tandem research project (2 full PhD positions) in the DFG SPP 1506 "Transport processes at fluidic interfaces", which after an initial 3 year funding period was extended for another 3 years.

## — Theses Reviews & Mentoring

- **Fabian Mönkeberg**, "Asymptotic and Numerical Methods for the Two-Dimensional Narrow Escape Problem for Finite-Size Particles", Master Thesis (with B. Wagner), Department of Mathematics, Technische Universität Berlin (2015).
- **Sebastian Jachalski**, "Derivation and Analysis of Lubrication Models for Two-Layer Thin-Films", Ph. D. Thesis, (with B. Wagner and B. Niethammer), Department of Mathematics, Technische Universität Berlin (2014).

## — Selected Presentations (Invited & Organized)

- "The Stokes flow and thin films with contact lines", Univ. Heidelberg (2018, invited).
- "Motion of thin droplets over surfaces", ICERM Workshop (2017, Providence, USA, invited).
- "Variational structure of fluid motion with contact lines in thin-film models", Universität der Bundeswehr, (2017, München, invited).

- “Modelling and simulation of suspension flow”, Univ. Bonn (2017, invited).
- “Towards the optimization of Ge micro-bridges”, The 19th European Conference on Mathematics for Industry, (2016, Santiago de Compostela, organized).
- “Thin film free boundary problems–Modelling of contact line dynamics with gradient formulations”, CeNoS-Colloquium (2016, Münster, invited).
- “Modelling and applications of bilayer flows”, Seminar of the GRK 1276 “Structure Formation and Transport in Complex Systems”, (2015, Saarbrücken, invited).
- “Droplets on liquids and their long way into equilibrium”, 8th International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics (ICIAM) (2015, Beijing, CHN, organized).
- “Numerics of contact line motion for thin films”, MATHMOD 2015, Minisymposium Free Boundary Problems in Applications (2015, Wien, organized).
- “Thin-film equations with free boundaries”, Jahrestagung der Deutschen Mathematiker-Vereinigung (DMV), Minisymposium Mathematics of Fluid Interfaces (2015, Hamburg, invited).
- “Liquid/liquid dewetting–Theory and experiments”, Workshop Thin Liquid Films and Fluid Interfaces: Models, Experiments and Applications (2012, Banff, CAN, invited).
- “Liquid/liquid dewetting-stationary solutions”, Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik in den Naturwissenschaften, AG Musterbildung (2011, Leipzig, invited).
- “Stationary solutions in liquid/liquid dewetting”, University of California Los Angeles, Department of Mathematics, Applied Math. Colloquium, (2011, Los Angeles, USA, invited).
- “Self-similar rupture for thin films with slip”, EUROMECH Colloquium 497–Recent Developments and New Directions in Thin-Film Flow (2009, Edinburgh, UK, invited).

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### — Minisymposium Organization

- “Multiple scales in electromagnetic devices - from quantum mechanical effects to circuit simulation” at The 20th European Conference on Mathematics for Industry (2018, Budapest) organized jointly with N. Rotundo, P. Farrell (WIAS, TUHH).
- “Mathematical methods for semiconductors” at the 7th European Congress of Mathematics (ECM) (2016, Berlin) organized jointly with N. Rotundo and P. Farrell (WIAS, TUHH).
- “Charge transport in semiconductor materials: Emerging and established mathematical topics” at The 19th European Conference on Mathematics for Industry (2016, Santiago de Compostela) organized jointly with N. Rotundo and P. Farrell (WIAS, TUHH).
- “Free Boundary Problems in Applications: Recent Advances in Modelling, Simulation and Optimization” at the MATHMOD (2015, Wien) organized jointly with S.J. Kimmerle (Uni BW München).
- “Recent Progress in Modelling and Simulation of Multiphase Thin-film Type Problems” at the 8th International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics (2015, Beijing, CHN) organized jointly with L. Wang (Univ. Minnesota).
- “Coupled flows and their robust discretisation” at CMAM-5 2012 (Berlin) organized jointly with A. Linke (WIAS).

### — Publications

- [P1] D. Peschka, S. Bommer, S. Jachalski, R. Seemann, and B. Wagner. Impact of energy dissipation on interface shapes and on rates for dewetting from liquid substrates. *Scientific Reports*, 8(1):13295, 2018.
- [P2] D. Peschka. Variational approach to contact line dynamics for thin films. *Physics of Fluids*, 30(8):082115, 2018.
- [P3] A. Mielke, D. Peschka, N. Rotundo, and M. Thomas. On Some Extension of Energy-Drift-Diffusion Models: Gradient Structure for Optoelectronic Models of Semiconductors. In *European Consortium for Mathematics in Industry*, volume 26, pages 291–298. Springer, 2016.
- [P4] D. Peschka. Thin-film free boundary problems for partial wetting. *Journal of Computational Physics*, 295:770–778, 2015.
- [P5] R. Huth, S. Jachalski, G. Kitavtsev, and D. Peschka. Gradient flow perspective on thin-film bilayer flows. *Journal of Engineering Mathematics*, 94(1):43–61, 2015.
- [P6] S. Jachalski, D. Peschka, A. Münch, and B. Wagner. Impact of interfacial slip on the stability of liquid two-layer polymer films. *Journal of Engineering Mathematics*, 86(1):9–29, 2014.
- [P7] N. Murisic, B. Pausader, D. Peschka, and A.L. Bertozzi. Dynamics of particle settling and re-suspension in viscous liquid films. *Journal of Fluid Mechanics*, 717:203–231, 2013.
- [P8] S. Jachalski, R. Huth, G. Kitavtsev, D. Peschka, and B. Wagner. Stationary solutions of liquid two-layer thin-film models. *SIAM Journal on Applied Mathematics*, 73(3):1183–1202, 2013.
- [P9] S. Bommer, F. Cartellier, S. Jachalski, D. Peschka, R. Seemann, and B. Wagner. Droplets on liquids and their journey into equilibrium. *The European Physical Journal E*, 36(8):87, 2013.
- [P10] D. Peschka, A. Münch, and B. Niethammer. Self-similar rupture of viscous thin films in the strong-slip regime. *Nonlinearity*, 23(2):409, 2010.