

HiTEC Retreat II 2014

Conference-like event for PhD students of the institutes of energy and climate research (IEK) from Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH

As part of the HiTEC graduate school training courses, the HiTEC retreat is designed to serve as a platform at which PhD candidates in their second or third year are able to exchange their knowledge in methodology they use in their field of research. This is especially useful since similar methods are used for various research questions and in this way special knowledge can be shared among all participants.

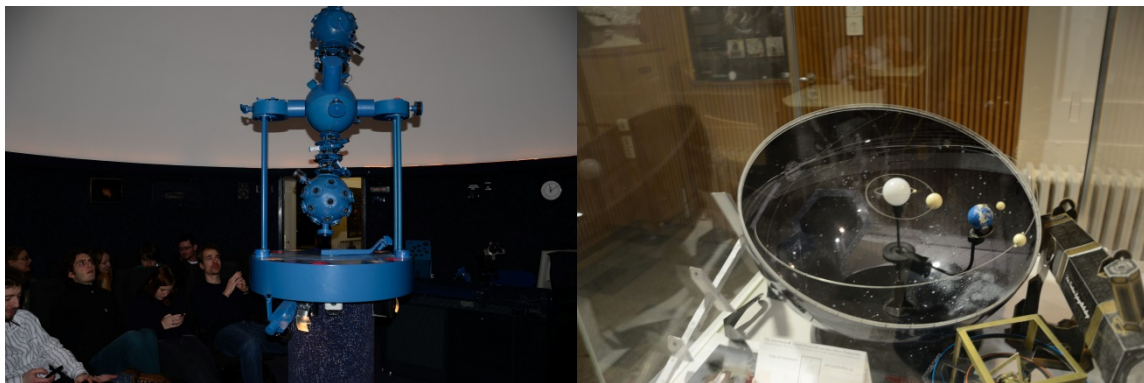
The second retreat of 2014 took place at the Dorint Park Hotel Bremen that also provided suitable conference rooms and the appropriate atmosphere. The 35 participants came from all HiTEC-member institutes, so that a broad spectrum of expertise could be shared.



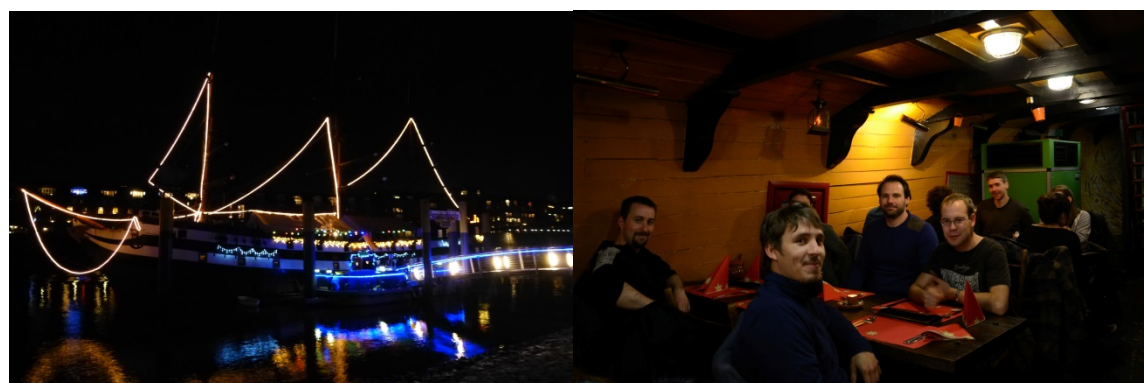
The talks were organized in sessions of 4-6 participants that represented the various research topics. This already displayed a large thematic overlap between different institutes. Every participant was asked to give a 10 min talk with focus on the methods which are used during his/her Ph.D. work. In addition, there was sufficient time for discussion, to further share the methodological experience of the participants. To deepen this knowledge exchange, coffee breaks and extra-curricular activities took place.



The social event was held in the Olbers-Planetarium which is part of university of Bremen and trainings place of students of nautical science. A 30min presentation of the starry sky was given with explanations of constellation, planets and galaxies.



To crown the event, the retreat dinner took place at the “Pannekoekschip Admiral Nelson”. The location of this restaurant is an original replica of the frigate of Admiral Nelson that he commanded in the battle of Trafalgar in the year 1805. The dinner consists of pancakes as much as you can eat with a choice savory and sweet ingredients.



In Summary, the retreat gave every participant a good overview about the work of other Ph.D. students and their institutes. The opportunity to present a scientific topic in context of the HiTEC retreat was a great experience for all contributors.