

Retreat Hamburg 2022

In Hamburg, 18 PhD students from the Forschungszentrum Jülich participated in a wonderful retreat from December 14th to December 16th. Our first day began with a train ride from Köln Hbf to Hamburg Hbf. After traveling by train for 5 hours, we arrived at A & O hostel around lunchtime. In the afternoon, we quickly started our scientific session after having lunch at our hostel. On the first day of our conference, people from different institutes presented their thesis work in 12 minutes, and it was followed by 3 minutes discussion part. We continued our scientific talks until 7pm.



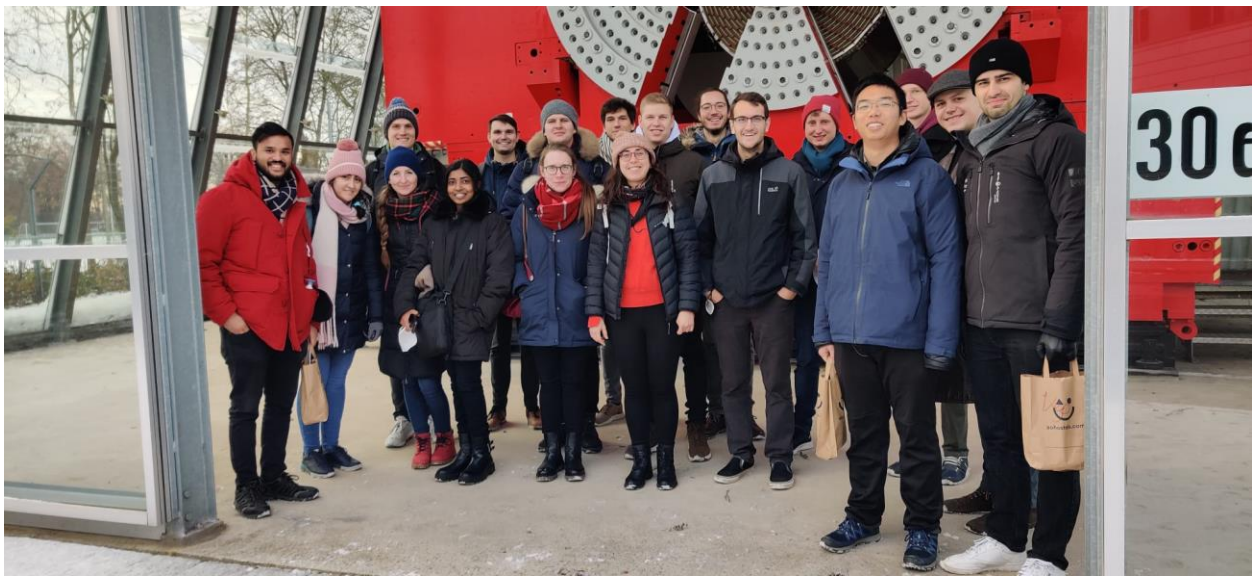
Scientific session of 1st day

In the evening, we had dinner in our hostel and afterwards, we visited the Christmas Market next to the city hall, we spent a very lovely time at the city hall Christmas Market, and we started to get to know each other better.



Christmast Market next to the city hall

On the second day, after we had our breakfast at the hotel, we visited Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron (DESY) in Hamburg. First, general information about particle physics, surface science and accelerators was introduced by one of the master students at DESY, and then, we divided into two groups, and we started to visit parts of synchrotron with two different tour guides.



Group photo at the entrance of DESY

After finishing our trip to DESY, we came back to our hostel, and we continued with our last presentation session. We ended our session around 5.30 p.m., which were followed by a trip to Landungsbrücken for some famous Fischbrötchen and then we started to be prepared for our last night event. As a last night event, we went to the Stoertebeker-Fischrestaurant in Hamburg, and we tried different kind of seafoods in this restaurant.



Scientific session from 2nd day



Dinner at Stoertebeker-Fischrestaurant

On our last day, we started our last event, which was the harbor city tour. We started our tour with a tour guide, and she introduced us to the new harbor city with many explanations. We gave small breaks during the tour and visited different restaurants on our road shortly and tried different foods from different cultures. We ended our tour at the Elbphilharmonie building at 01.00 p.m.



Balcony of Elbphilharmonie Building

All in all, Hamburg Retreat was a great experience for all of us in that we had a chance to know each other personally and professionally. PhD students from various fields communicated with each other and gained insight into different institutes.