

The venue of the Workshop is the "Institute for Theoretical Physics" of the University of Bern. It is located in the building "Exakte Wissenschaften" directly above Bern central station.

Here you find a little location guide providing you with information that will be of some interest to you when intending to visit our Institute.

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## How to get to the institute by plane

There are two intercontinental airports in Switzerland:

- [UNIQUE Zurich Airport](#)
- [Geneva International Airport](#)

There leaves an Intercity train from train stations inside the airport buildings at least once every hour. Travel times and fares for round-trip tickets are as follows:

- **Zurich airport to Bern:** 1.5 hours, CHF 98.- for 2nd class and CHF 162.- for 1st class
- **Geneva airport to Bern:** 2.0 hours, CHF 98.- for 2nd class and CHF 162.- for 1st class

Tickets can be purchased with Swiss cash. MasterCard or VISA are also accepted. An [online timetable](#)

is available (Search for 'Zürich Flughafen' and 'Genève-Aéroport'). Bern's local airport,

### [Flughafen Bern-Belp](#)

, is located a 20-minute shuttle ride from the city centre away. It has connections to several European cities, as e.g. London, Amsterdam, Paris, Frankfurt/Main. Below you can find links to some airlines which serve destinations in Switzerland.

[Swiss](#) , [Air France](#) , [British Airways](#) , [Lufthansa](#) , [Delta Air Lines](#) , [United Airlines](#) , [easyJet](#)

## How to get to the institute by train

Switzerland has got a dense railway network with good connections also to its neighbour countries. Public transport in general is of high standard. Travelling by train is quite comfortable and recommended very much. Below you can find links to national railway companies.

[SBB \(Switzerland\)](#) , [DB \(Germany\)](#) , [SNCF \(France\)](#) , [FS \(Italy\)](#) , [ÖBB \(Austria\)](#)

After your arrival at Bern rail station, walk along the platform to the underpass in the direction 'Universität Länggasse'. At the end of the underpass you can see three elevators. Take one to the top floor. Turning right around the elevator-building, you are facing the main University building, on the right hand side there is a modern building with various astronomical instruments on the roof. This is the building 'Exakte Wissenschaften' where our institute is located. (Note also the turquoise guideposts: Our building is number 5 'Exakte Wissenschaften').

Inside the building follow the signs leading you to the indicated room. Our Institute's secretariate is situated in room 123.

To get more information about the location have a look at the [detailed map](#) and the submenue 'Maps'. If you want to learn more about trolleybuses and trams in the city of Bern, visit the home page of [Bernmobil](#) (in German).

## How to get to the institute by car

If you come by car, it will be best to leave the motorway at the exit 'Bern Neufeld' or 'Bern Forsthaus'. The routes from the motorway exits to the Institute are accurately described below. Be sure to have a parking disk with you. You will need it in order to park in the so called 'Blue Zones'. However, at most times parking in blue zones is limited to one and a half hours! Longer lasting parking permits (4 hours / 24 hours) for the blue zone are available from ticket machines at many bus stops for CHF 8.-/CHF 15.-. Using a public [multi-storey car park](#) (in German) is possible though quite expensive.

**Exit 'Bern Neufeld':** Drive in direction 'Zentrum' on 'Neubrückstrasse' until you reach a circle. Take the first exit off this circle into 'Mittelstrasse'. After three blocks turn left into 'Gesellschaftsstrasse'. The building straight ahead is the 'Exakte Wissenschaften'. Please note: There is a multi-storey car park right at the exit 'Bern Neufeld': [Park + Ride Neufeld](#) (in German).

**Exit 'Bern Forsthaus':** Drive in direction 'Tierspital' on 'Bremgartenstrasse' until you reach a circle. Take the third exit off this circle into 'Länggassstrasse'. After about 800 meters (You just passed the building 'Uni Tobler' on your right) turn left on a traffic light into 'Mittelstrasse'. After one block turn right into 'Gesellschaftsstrasse'. The building straight ahead is the 'Exakte Wissenschaften'.

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## Maps of Interest

The following detailed map of the environment of our Institute can be found on the university

webpage [Bau und Raum - Pläne](#) . Our institute is located in the yellow building 'Exakte Wissenschaften' in the red circled area. Right below to the left there is the university main building. The large blue building below the 'Exakte Wissenschaften' is the train main station of Bern.

At the same location you can find a detailed map of the entire city of Bern with the motorway exits 'Bern Neufeld' and 'Bern Forsthaus' in [PDF \[584 KB\]](#) format and in [MS Word \[1.6 MB\]](#) format.

The sites [www.swissgeo.ch](http://www.swissgeo.ch) (in German) and [map.search.ch](http://map.search.ch) provide the possibility to search the map detail corresponding to any given address in Switzerland. They also have zoom functions implemented which might be quite useful to you.

## External Information - Some other useful websites

Here are some other pages useful in the present context:

- [Official website of Bern Tourism \(Tourist Office of Bern\)](#)
- [Currency Calculator](#)
- [Weather forecast - SMA MeteoSchweiz](#)