

## ***Berufsorientierte Qualifikation für Masterstudenten und Doktoranden***

# **Mut zur Lücke! - A Physicist in Industry**

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At some point during one's studies or PhD thesis, the question will arise what to do next: Whether to continue a university career e.g. as research associate, or to try something completely new and apply for a research position in industry. Here, a typical entry level for young PhDs is a job as Labteam Leader.

Having been active as a Labteam Leader in industry for five years now, I will first introduce some general aspects of my main research topic, Organic Light-Emitting Diodes.

In the second part of my talk, I will give an overview on typical tasks and responsibilities of a Labteam Leader in a large chemical company. I will first show some examples of every day work. Furthermore, I would like to share some personal experiences which give specific insight into challenges but also opportunities in industrial research. Finally, I will compare some aspects of research at university versus industry and illustrate differences but also similarities.

