Information on cumulative dissertation at the Institutes of Physics at TU Berlin (non-binding translation)

- A cumulative dissertation (publication-based thesis) is, as stipulated in the doctoral regulations of Faculty II, possible if the doctoral candidate has published an equivalent achievement to a conventional dissertation (monograph).

- The criteria given below are intended to provide guidance but cannot be binding as the scope and quality of the publications can vary greatly in individual cases.

- Therefore, the decision to do a cumulative dissertation must be made in a discussion with the reviewers and the chairperson of the doctoral examination committee. Doctoral candidates should talk with the reviewers and chairperson at an early stage/as early as possible.

- The candidate should have at least three published or for publication accepted peer-reviewed publications to be part of the cumulative dissertation where she or he is the first author (shared first authorships are considered equivalent).

- The experimental and methodological details must also be included in a cumulative dissertation and have to be presented to the extent that they are fully comprehensible and understandable for outsiders, as well as reproducible.

- Introduction, presentation of methods, discussion and summary should not exceed 30 to 40 pages and form a closed arc.