

**ESI Programme on  
“Minimal Energy Point Sets, Lattices and Designs”  
September 29 - November 21, 2014**

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**Preparatory Lectures for the ESI Workshop on  
“Optimal Point Configurations and Applications”**

**Sunday, October 12, 2014**

**at TU Wien - Vienna University of Technology**

10:00 – 12:00 **Douglas Hardin**

*Fundamentals of potential theory and discrete minimal energy problems*

12:00 – 14:00 *lunch break*

14:00 – 16:00 **Henry Cohn**

*Packing, coding, and ground states: from information theory to physics*

**These lectures take place at TU Wien - Vienna University of Technology, Wiedner Hauptstraße 8 - 10, 1040 Wien.** Best reached by Metro (lines U1, U2, U4), getting off at the station “Karlsplatz”, using the exit “Karlsplatz. The exact venue there will be advised.