

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Data

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Experience

Postdoctoral researcher, Albert-Einstein-Institut Hannover, Hannover – 12/2022 – present
Machine learning application to gravitational-wave searches.

Doctoral researcher, Albert-Einstein-Institut Hannover, Hannover – 11/2019 – 12/2022
Research on the topic „Machine learning applications for neutron star research“. For publications and talks see below.

Assistant researcher, Albert-Einstein-Institut Hannover, Hannover – 04/2019 – 09/2019
Support of the working group in administrative tasks and creation of a group-wiki.

Tutor, Institut für theoretische Physik, Hannover – 10/2016 – 03/2019
Teaching and explaining basic concepts of physics for students of the initial 5 bachelor semesters in physics. I received only positive feedback on my work from students and professor.

Tutor, uniKIK, Hannover – August and September of the years 2016, 2017, 2018
Refreshing the memory on school mathematics for students aiming for a degree with a large share in mathematics as well as introducing concepts of higher mathematics for the first time. I received only positive feedback on my work.

Paperboy, Zeitungs-Vertriebs-GmbH Bothfeld, Hannover – 01/2011 – 09/2011
Weekly distribution of 340 newspapers.

Education

Doctorate theoretical physics. Leibniz-Universität Hannover – 11/2019 – 12/2022
Thesis title: “Machine Learning Applications in Search Algorithms for Gravitational Waves from Compact Binary Mergers”

Master of Science Physik, Leibniz-Universität Hannover – 09/2017 – 09/2019

Bachelor of Science Physik mit Auszeichnung, Leibniz-Universität Hannover – 10/2014 – 05/2018

Allgemeine Hochschulreife (Abitur), Kaiser-Wilhelm- und Ratsgymnasium, Hannover – 08/2006 – 07/2014

Publications

MLGWSC-1: The first Machine Learning Gravitational-Wave Search Mock Data Challenge
Authors: [Marlin B. Schäfer](#), Ondřej Zelenka, Alexander H. Nitz, He Wang, Shichao Wu, Zong-Kuan Guo, Zhoujian Cao, Zhixiang Ren, Paraskevi Nousi, Nikolaos Stergioulas, Panagiotis Iosif,

Alexandra E. Koloniari, Anastasios Tefas, Nikolaos Passalis, Francesco Salemi, Gabriele Vedovato, Sergey Klimenko, Tanmaya Mishra, Bernd Brügmann, Elena Cuoco, E.A. Huerta, Chris Messenger, Frank Ohme

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.11146> (pre-print), 09/2022

4-OGC: Catalog of gravitational waves from compact-binary mergers

Authors: Alexander H. Nitz, Sumit Kumar, Yi-Fan Wang, Shilpa Kastha, Shichao Wu, Marlin Schäfer, Rahul Dhurkunde, Collin D. Capano

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.06878> (pre-print), 12/2021

From One to Many: A Deep Learning Coincident Gravitational-Wave Search

Authors: Marlin B. Schäfer, Alexander H. Nitz

<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.105.043003>, 08/2021

Training Strategies for Deep Learning Gravitational-Wave Searches

Authors: Marlin B. Schäfer, Ondřej Zelenka, Alexander H. Nitz, Frank Ohme, Bernd Brügmann

<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.105.043002>, 06/2021

3-OGC: Catalog of gravitational waves from compact-binary mergers

Authors: Alexander H. Nitz, Collin D. Capano, Sumit Kumar, Yi-Fan Wang, Shilpa Kastha, Marlin Schäfer, Rahul Dhurkunde, Miriam Cabero

<https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/ac1c03>, 05/2021

Gravitational-wave Merger Forecasting: Scenarios for the Early Detection and Localization of Compact-binary Mergers with Ground-based Observatories

Authors: Alexander H. Nitz, Marlin Schäfer, Tito Dal Canton

<https://doi.org/10.3847/2041-8213/abbc10>, 10/2020

Detection of gravitational-wave signals from binary neutron star mergers using machine learning

Authors: Marlin B. Schäfer, Frank Ohme, Alexander H. Nitz

<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.102.063015>, 06/2020

Analysis of Gravitational-Wave Signals from Binary Neutron Star Mergers Using Machine Learning

Authors: Marlin B. Schäfer

<https://doi.org/10.15488/7467> (Masterarbeit), 09/2019

Talks

16.12.2022 – PhD thesis defense

Mandatory talk to obtain the doctorate degree.

16.09.2021 – PyCBC workshop

Registered talk on the application of PyCBC to my research.

31.08.2021 – Spring meeting of the German physical society

Registered talk on the publication from 08/2021.

29.07.2021 – GW-Mull

Registered talk at a conference on the applications of machine learning to gravitational-wave data analysis. My talk was on the publication from 06/2021.

30.06.2021 – LVK-meeting

Invited talk as non-member from the machine learning working group of the LIGO/Virgo/Kagra collaboration. The talk was on the publication from 06/2021.

30.04.2021 – PhD workshop

A talk aiming to explain the scientific research questions in our working group to other PhD students from our institute. The workshop was also partially organized by me.

23.06.2020 – Seminar Cardiff

Invited talk at a working group in Cardiff, Wales on the publication from 06/2020.

22.06.2020 – Seminar Jena

Invited talk at a seminar in Jena, Germany on the publication from 06/2020.

18.06.2020 – Seminar Ramat Gan

Invited talk at a working group in Ramat-Gan, Israel on the publication from 06/2020.

04.03.2020 – PCCP workshop

Registered talk at a workshop on deep learning applications to astronomy in Paris, France. The talk was about the contents of my master thesis.

21.03.2019 – Spring meeting of the German physical society

Registered talk in Munich, Germany on the current state of my master thesis research.

Prizes and stipends

12/2018 – Niedersachsenstipendium

A stipend awarded by the state of Lower Saxony for students within the standard period of study and exceptional grades.

11/2016 – Niedersachsenstipendium

A stipend awarded by the state of Lower Saxony for students within the standard period of study and exceptional grades.

07/2014 – Abiturpreis der DPG

Prize from the German physical society for students with exceptional achievements during physics lessons.

Additional qualifications

PhD representative

The PhD students at the Albert-Einstein-Institut elect representatives among themselves yearly. These representatives handle communication with the institute leadership, organize social meetings, and are the first point of contact if conflict arises. In January 2020 a colleague of mine and myself were elected unanimously. Since then we have organized monthly social meetings and focused on improving the relationship with our sister institute in Potsdam.

Organization of a PhD Workshop

Together with three other PhD representatives we have introduced a new collaborative project between the two locations of the Albert-Einstein-Institut in Potsdam and Hannover. In this project students from the different research groups are supposed to explain their main research questions to PhDs from different backgrounds within our institutes. Through these meetings we managed to improve the communication between the two locations drastically. One of these workshops could take place in person, such that we had to organize a one and a half day program, catering, and transport. The feedback was consistently positive and we hope to be able to organize a second in-person meeting in the near future.

Voluntary trainer for badminton

In my free time I teach a group of about 10 kids for a local sports club weekly how to play badminton. Sometimes I also train the youth and adults. I've been doing this volunteer work since September 2019.

Hobbyproject PyTrest

In my free time I've been writing on a Python package called PyTrest. Its main purpose is to allow for easy analysis of stock trading strategies and the ability to do paper trading. The source code is available at the following link: <https://github.com/MarlinSchaefer/PyTrest>.

Project planning workshop

I successfully attended a workshop on the basics of project planning at the Planck Academy.

Basics of business administration workshop

I successfully attended a workshop on the basics of business administration offered by the Graduierten Akademie of the Leibniz Universität Hannover.