

Curriculum Vitæ

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Education & Career

Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems, Tübingen, Germany

09 / 2016 – current: *Independent Max Planck Group Leader* (equiv. Associate Professor – German W2 level)

previous positions, hosted or funded by the Department of Empirical Inference (Bernhard Schölkopf):

04 / 2015 – 08 / 2016: *Emmy Noether Group Leader* (PI, funded by an independent federal grant)

03 / 2013 – 04 / 2015: *Senior Research Scientist* (dependent group funding, independent research agenda)

07 / 2011 – 03 / 2013: *Research Scientist* (dependent personal funding, independent research agenda)

03 / 2011 – 06 / 2011: *Postdoc Scholar*

11 / 2010 – 01 / 2011 Engineering Department, University of Cambridge, UK

Visiting Researcher; Computational and Biological Learning Laboratory

2008 – 2010 Microsoft Research Ltd., Cambridge External Consultant

07 / 2008 – 10 / 2008 Microsoft Research Ltd., Cambridge Research Intern

10 / 2007 – 11 / 2010 Cavendish Laboratory and Robinson College, University of Cambridge, UK

PhD in Physics. Title: *Approximate Inference in Graphical Models*. Advisor: Sir David J C MacKay
viva voce defense on 11 Jan 2011 (not graded, accepted without corrections), graduated 30 April 2011.

05 / 2007 – 07 / 2007 McKinsey & Company, Berlin, Germany Summer Associate

04 / 2006 – 04 / 2007 Max Planck Institute for Medical Research, Heidelberg, Germany

Diplom-thesis [German 5-year degree, roughly equivalent to MSc level]. Advisor: Winfried Denk
Title: *Point-Spread Functions for backscattered imaging in the Scanning Electron Microscope*
graded 1.0 on German university scale from 1.0 (best) to 4.0

10 / 2001 – 03 / 2007 Faculty of Physics, University of Heidelberg, Germany

studies towards the *Diplom* degree in physics. Graduated March 2007
overall grade point average 1.1 on German university scale from 1.0 (best) to 4.0

10 / 2004 – 06 / 2005 Department of Physics, Imperial College, London, UK

Participation in the theoretical physics MSc “Quantum Fields and Fundamental Forces” as an Erasmus exchange student (passed all necessary examinations for the MSc degree, exchange students generally cannot graduate).

07 / 2000 – Christoph Schrempf Gymnasium, Besigheim, Germany Abitur (A-Levels). Grade point average 1.3 on German school scale from 1.0 (best) to 6.0

Peer-Reviewed Publications (chronological. open-access publications marked with [OA])

In machine learning, conferences have *higher* standing, and are *more* competitive than journals. The two flagship conferences are NIPS and ICML, which each have about 25% acceptance rates. These conferences have a full-fledged review process (at least 3 independent reviews per paper, often more, with optional author feedback and an evaluation discussion among reviewers, and typically three layers of program committee hierarchy). Full orals at NIPS (about 15 each year) are awarded to less than 1% of submitted papers. The most prominent journal is JMLR (27% acceptance rate—counting re-submissions as new submissions, impact factor 3.4, in 2012). It primarily plays an archival role.

————— under review —————

- ▶ Niklas Wahl, Philipp Hennig, Hans-Peter Wieser, and Mark Bangert
Efficiency of analytical and sampling-based uncertainty propagation in intensity-modulated proton therapy
under review by *Physics in Medicine and Biology*

[OA] Michael Schober, Simo Särkkä, Philipp Hennig
A probabilistic model for the numerical solution of initial value problems
under review — arXiv 1610.05261

[OA] Philipp Hennig & Roman Garnett
Exact Sampling from Determinantal Point Processes
under review — arXiv 1609.06840

————— published or in press —————

[OA] Aaron Klein, Stefan Falkner, Simon Bartels, Philipp Hennig and Frank Hutter
Fast Bayesian Optimization of Machine Learning Hyperparameters on Large Datasets
in Singh & Zhu, eds; *Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)* vol. 20 (2017)

- ▶ Alonso Marco, Felix Berkenkamp, Philipp Hennig, Angela P. Schoellig, Andreas Krause, Stefan Schaal, and Sebastian Trimpe
Trading Off Information and Costs: Reinforcement Learning from Simulations and Experiments with Bayesian Optimization
in Nakamura & Okamura, eds.; *International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, 2017

[OA] Edgar Klenske & Philipp Hennig
Dual Control for Approximate Bayesian Reinforcement Learning
Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR), vol. 17, no. 127, pp. 1–30 (2016)

[OA] Hans Kersting & Philipp Hennig
Active Uncertainty Calibration in Bayesian ODE Solvers
in Ihler & Janzing, eds.; *Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI)*, vol. 32 (2016), pp. 309–318

[OA] Edgar Klenske, Philipp Hennig, Bernhard Schölkopf, Melanie N. Zeilinger
Approximate Dual Control Maintaining the Value of Information with an Application to Building Control
European Control Conference (ECC) (2016), to appear

- ▶ Alonso Marco, Philipp Hennig, Jeannette Bohg, Stefan Schaal, Sebastian Trimpe
Automatic LQR Tuning Based on Gaussian Process Global Optimization
in Okamura, ed.; *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)* (2016), pp. 270–277

[OA] Simon Bartels & Philipp Hennig
Probabilistic Approximate Least-Squares
in Gretton & Robert, eds.; *Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)* vol. 19 (2016)
Journal of Machine Learning Research W&CP vol. 51, pp. 676–684

[OA] Javier González, Zhenwen Dai, Philipp Hennig, Neil Lawrence
Batch Bayesian Optimization via Local Penalization
in Gretton & Robert, eds.; *Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)* vol. 19 (2016)
Journal of Machine Learning Research W&CP vol. 51, pp. 648–657

[OA] Maren Mahsereci, Philipp Hennig
Probabilistic Line Searches for Stochastic Optimization
in Cortes, Lawrence, Lee, Sugiyama & Garnett, eds.; *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)* vol. 28 (2015), pp. 181–189. (full oral presentation)

- [OA] Philipp Hennig, Michael A. Osborne, Mark Girolami
Probabilistic Numerics and Uncertainty in Computations
Proceedings of the Royal Society A, vol. **471** nr. 2179 (2015)
- [OA] Edgar Klenske, Melanie N. Zeilinger, Bernhard Schölkopf, Philipp Hennig
Gaussian Process based Predictive Control for Periodic Error Correction
IEEE Transactions on Control Systems Technology, vol. **24** no. 1, (Jan 2016 / published May 2015)
- [OA] Søren Hauberg, Michael Schober, Matthew Liptrot, Philipp Hennig, Aasa Feragen
A Random Riemannian Metric for Probabilistic Shortest-Path Tractography
in Navab, Hornegger, Wells & Frangi, eds.; *Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI)*
vol. **18** (2015), Springer LNCS vol. **9349**, pp. 597–604
- [OA] Eleni Sgouritsa, Dominik Janzing, Philipp Hennig, Bernhard Schölkopf
Inference of Cause and Effect with Unsupervised Inverse Regression
in Lebanon & Vishwanathan, eds.; *Artificial Intelligence and Statistics* vol. **18** (2015)
Journal of Machine Learning Research W&CP vol. **38**, pp. 847–855
- Philipp Hennig
Probabilistic Interpretation of Linear Solvers
SIAM Journal on Optimization (SIOPT) vol. **25** no. 1 (2015), pp. 234–260
- [OA] Michael Schober, David Duvenaud, Philipp Hennig
Probabilistic ODE Solvers with Runge-Kutta Means
in Ghahramani, Welling, Cortes, Lawrence & Weinberger, eds.; *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)* vol. **27** (2014), pp. 739–747 (full oral presentation)
- [OA] Tom Gunter, Michael A. Osborne, Roman Garnett, Philipp Hennig, Stephen Roberts
Sampling for Inference in Probabilistic Models with Fast Bayesian Quadrature
in Ghahramani, Welling, Cortes, Lawrence & Weinberger, eds.; *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)* vol. **27** (2014), pp. 2789–2797
- [OA] Franziska Meier, Philipp Hennig, Stefan Schaal
Incremental Local Gaussian Regression
in Ghahramani, Welling, Cortes, Lawrence & Weinberger, eds.; *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)* vol. **27** (2014), pp. 972–980
- [OA] Martin Kiefel, Christian H. Schuler, Philipp Hennig
Probabilistic Progress Bars
in Jiang, Hornegger & Koch, eds.; *German Conference on Pattern Recognition (GCPR)* vol. **36** (2014)
- [OA] Roman Garnett, Michael A. Osborne, Philipp Hennig
Active Learning of Linear Embeddings for Gaussian Processes
in Zhan & Tiang, eds.; *Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI)* vol. **30** (2014), pp. 230–239
- [OA] Franziska Meier, Philipp Hennig, Stefan Schaal
Efficient Bayesian Local Model Learning for Control
in Burgard, ed.; *IEEE International Conference on Intelligent Robotics Systems (IROS)* 2014, pp. 2244–2249
- [OA] Michael Schober, Niklas Kasenburg, Aasa Feragen, Philipp Hennig & Søren Hauberg
Probabilistic Shortest Path Tractography in DTI using Gaussian Process ODE solvers
in Golland, Hata, Barillot, Hornegger, Howe, eds.; *Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI)* vol. **17** (2014), Springer LNCS vol. **8675**, pp. 265–272
- [OA] Philipp Hennig, Søren Hauberg
Probabilistic Solutions to Differential Equations and their Application to Riemannian Statistics
in Kaski & Corander, eds.; *Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)* vol. **17** (2014)
Journal of Machine Learning Research W&CP vol. **33**, pp. 347–355
- [OA] David Lopez-Paz, Philipp Hennig, Bernhard Schölkopf
The Randomized Dependence Coefficient
in Burges, Bottou, Welling, Ghahramani & Weinberger, eds.; *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)* vol. **26** (2013), pp. 1–9
- [OA] Edgar Klenske, Melanie N. Zeilinger, Bernhard Schölkopf, Philipp Hennig
Nonparametric dynamics estimation for time periodic systems
Annual Allerton Conference on Communication, Control, and Computing vol. **51** (2013)

- [OA] Mark Bangert, Philipp Hennig, Uwe Oelfke
Analytical probabilistic modeling for radiation therapy planning
 Physics in Biology and Medicine vol. **58** no. 16 (Aug 2013), pp. 5401–5419
- Mark Bangert, Philipp Hennig, Uwe Oelfke
Analytical probabilistic proton dose calculation and range uncertainties
 in Haworth & Kron, eds.; *International Conference on the Use of Computers in Radiation Therapy (ICCR)* vol. **17** (2013), Journal of Physics Conf. Series vol. **489** (2014), pp. 012002
- [OA] Philipp Hennig & Martin Kiefel
Quasi-Newton Methods — A New Direction (extended version of ICML paper below)
Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR), vol. **14** (Mar 2013), pp. 807–829
- [OA] Philipp Hennig
Fast Probabilistic Optimization from Noisy Gradients
 in Dasgupta & McAllester, eds.; *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)* vol. **30** (2013)
Journal of Machine Learning Research W&CP vol. **28** no. 1 (2013), pp. 62–70
- [OA] Philipp Hennig & Martin Kiefel
Quasi-Newton Methods — A New Direction
 in Langford & Pineau, eds.; *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)* vol. **29** (2012), pp. 25–32
- [OA] Philipp Hennig & Christian H. Schuler
Entropy Search for Information Efficient Global Optimization
Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR), vol. **13** (Jun 2012), pp. 1809–1837
- [OA] Botond A. Bócsi, Philipp Hennig, Lehel Csató, J. Peters
Learning Tracking Control with Forward Models
 in Papanikolopoulos & Oh, eds.; *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)* 2012
- [OA] Philipp Hennig, David Stern, Ralf Herbrich, Thore Graepel
Kernel Topic Models
 in Lawrence & Girolami, eds.; *Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)* vol. **15** (2012)
Journal of Machine Learning Research W&CP vol. **22** (2012), pp. 511–519
- [OA] Philipp Hennig
Optimal Reinforcement Learning for Gaussian Systems
 in Shawe-Taylor, Zemel, Bartlett, Pereira & Weinberger, eds.; *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)* vol. **24** (2011), pp. 325–333
- [OA] Philipp Hennig
Approximate Inference in Graphical Models
 PhD thesis, University of Cambridge, 14 Nov 2010 (examination) / 30 April 2011 (graduation)
- Mark Bangert, Philipp Hennig, Uwe Oelfke
Using an infinite von Mises-Fisher Mixture Model to Cluster Treatment Beam Directions in External Radiation Therapy
 in Khoshgoftaar & Zhu, eds.; *International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications (ICMLA)* vol. **9** (2010), pp. 746–751
- [OA] Philipp Hennig, David Stern, Thore Graepel
Coherent Inference on Optimal Play in Game Trees.
 in Teh & Titterton, eds.; *Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)* vol. **13** (2010)
Journal of Machine Learning Research W&CP vol. **9**, pp. 326–333
- Philipp Hennig & Winfried Denk
Point-spread functions for backscattered imaging in the scanning electron microscope
Journal of Applied Physics vol. **102** (2007), pp. 123101

Patents

- P. Hennig, D. Stern, T. Graepel, R. Herbrich
Topic Models (Application)
 patent application filed by Microsoft Research Ltd. on 10/26/2010, serial number 12/912428
US patent number 8,645,298 granted February 4, 2014.

Teaching

Thesis Supervision

Master / Diplom

- ▶ Maolin Gao, MPI IS Tübingen / TU Munich, 2015
- ▶ Edgar Klenske, MPI IS Tübingen / Stuttgart University, 2012

PhD

- ▶ Lukas Balles, MPI IS Tübingen, 05/2016 -
- ▶ Hans Kersting, MPI IS Tübingen, 06/2015 -
- ▶ Simon Bartels, MPI IS Tübingen, 04/2015 -
- ▶ Michael Schober, MPI IS Tübingen, 12/2013 -
- ▶ Maren Mahsereci, MPI IS Tübingen, 8/2013 -
- ▶ Edgar Klenske, MPI IS Tübingen 2012 -

Lecture Courses

Winter 2013/14 *Intelligent Systems I* (2+2 SWS), Eberhard-Karl University Tübingen, with Stefan Harmeling

Winter 2012/13 *Intelligent Systems I* (2+2 SWS), as above

Seminars

Summer 2012 *Learning Robots* (block seminar), TU Darmstadt, with Jan Peters

Winter 2011/12 *Autonomous Learning Systems* (block seminar), TU Darmstadt, with Jan Peters

Tutorials & Block Courses

July 2017 *Probabilistic Numerics*

the Dobbiacco Summer School, Bolzano, Italy. with Mark Girolami (12×90min course)

9/10/2015 *Introduction to Gaussian Processes*

at *Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI) 2015*, Munich

19-20/7/2015 tutorial on *Probabilistic Numerical Methods*

at the *Machine Learning Summer School 2015*, MPI for Intelligent Systems, Tübingen

19/6/2014 *Introduction to Gaussian Processes*

at the *Research Network on Learning Systems Summer School*, ETH Zürich

13/1/2014 *Introduction to Gaussian Processes and*

15/1/2014 *Probabilistic Numerical Methods*

both at the *Gaussian Process Winter School*, University of Sheffield, UK

2-3/9/2013 tutorial on *Gaussian Processes*

at the *Machine Learning Summer School 2013*, MPI for Intelligent Systems, Tübingen

10/6/2012 tutorial on *Gaussian Regression Models*

at the *Real-World Inference* workshop, Max Planck Institute of Neurobiology, Munich

29/3/2012 full-day course on *Machine Learning*

at the *Spring School on Human Modelling*, Ludwig-Maximilian University Munich

Community

Conferences, Workshops & Summer Schools

- ▶ *Dagstuhl seminar on the Future of Learning with Kernels and Gaussian Processes*, Dagstuhl Castle, November 2016, main organizer (with C. Rasmussen, A. Gretton, B. Schölkopf)
- ▶ *Workshop on Analytic Probabilistic Treatment Planning*, Tübingen, April 2016, organizer
- ▶ *NIPS workshop on Probabilistic Integration*, Montréal, Kanada, 11. Dezember 2015, co-organizer (with M. Osborne)
- ▶ *Machine Learning Summer School (MLSS)*, Tübingen, 2015: co-organizer (with M. Hirsch, B. Schölkopf)
- ▶ workshop on *Probabilistic Numerics for Differential Equations*, University of Warwick, April 2015: co-organizer (with C. Oates, M. Osborne, M. Girolami)

- ▶ workshop on *Probabilistic Numerics at Data, Inference and Learning Systems (DALI)*, April 2015: co-organizer (with M. Osborne, M. Girolami)
- ▶ *Machine Learning Summer School (MLSS)*, Tübingen, 2013: main organizer (with S. Harmeling, B. Schölkopf)
- ▶ *NIPS workshop on Probabilistic Numerics*, Lake Tahoe, US, 8 December 2012: co-organizer (with M. Osborne, J.P. Cunningham)
- ▶ *Machine Learning Summer School*, La Palma, Spain, 2012: local arrangements chair

Reviews and Program Committees

since 2011 Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR) – member of the editorial board since 2013

since 2011 Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS) – area chair in 2014, 2016

since 2010 International Conference for Machine Learning (ICML) – *ICML reviewer award* in 2015

since 2012 Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS) – member of senior program committee in 2015

since 2012 Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI)

and occasional reviews for:

- ▶ Statistics and Computing (Springer Journal)
- ▶ SIAM Journal on Optimization
- ▶ European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)
- ▶ Conference on Learning Theory (COLT)
- ▶ Mathematical Programming A
- ▶ Robotics: Science and Systems (R:SS)
- ▶ Scandinavian Journal of Statistics
- ▶ IEEE Transaction on Robotics
- ▶ Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery (Springer Journal)

Outreach

- ▶ principal organizer for a weekend seminar on *probability and uncertainty* for gifted high-school students, in collaboration with the Heidelberg Life Science Lab. March 2013
- ▶ co-founded the *Cambridge University Statistics Clinic* at the Centre for Mathematical Sciences, in Michaelmas 2009, which aims to help non-statisticians from all academic fields make more of their data.
<http://www.statslab.cam.ac.uk/clinic/>

Student Representation

- ▶ student delegate to the Faculty Council and the Board of Graduate Studies at Heidelberg (2 terms), 2003/04/05
- ▶ President of Robinson College Graduate Student Association (MCR) in 2009/10

Invited Talks & Visits (excluding contributed conference presentations and the aforementioned invited tutorials)

- ▶ GAMM-ANLA (GAMM activity group on Applied and Numerical Linear Algebra), Hamburg, 2016
- ▶ The Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute (SAMSI); U of NC at Chapel Hill, 2016
- ▶ Albert-Ludwig University Freiburg, 2016
- ▶ Alan Turing Institute, London, 2015
- ▶ Bosch Research, Renningen, 2015
- ▶ Google DeepMind, London, 2015
- ▶ Invited Plenary Talk, *Data, Inference and Learning (DALI)* conference, La Palma, 2015
- ▶ Annual Meeting of German Computer Science University Professors (GIBU), Dagstuhl Castle, 2015
- ▶ Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, Faculty of Statistics, 2014
- ▶ Albert-Ludwig University Freiburg, 2014

- ▶ Workshop on Bayesian Optimization, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, NIPS 2013
- ▶ EE & CS Department, University of California at Berkeley, 2013
- ▶ École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, 2013
- ▶ Hausdorff Center for Mathematics, Bonn, 2013
- ▶ Heidelberger Life-Science Lab, 2012
- ▶ Technical University Darmstadt, Intelligent Autonomous Systems Lab, Oberseminar, 2011, 2012
- ▶ German Cancer Research Centre Heidelberg, Physical Models group, 2011
- ▶ University College London, Gatsby Computational Neuroscience Unit, 2011
- ▶ Cambridge University, Computational Biological Learning Group, 2011
- ▶ Microsoft Research Cambridge Ltd., 2011

Third-Party Funding (excluding scholarships & awards)

past and currently active grants

- ▶ **Independent Max Planck Research Group** — the Max Planck Society.
Total grant volume confidential. Sufficient for a medium-sized research group, for 5 years.
- ▶ *Probabilistic Numerics* — **Emmy Noether Grant of the German Research Union (DFG)**.
Total grant volume: ~ 840,000 € over 5 years, returned after 2 years, replaced with MPG grant above.
- ▶ *Analytical Probabilistic Radiation Therapy Treatment Planning* with Mark Bangert (German Cancer Research Centre, Heidelberg). DFG project support grant (“Sachbeihilfe”). Total grant volume ~ 300,000 €.
- ▶ *Auto-Tune: Automatic Structure Optimization for large-scale learning* with Frank Hutter, Thomas Brox (University of Freiburg). Proposal within the DFG focus program (“Schwerpunktprogramm”) Autonomous Learning. Total grant volume ~ 500,000 €
- ▶ funding for the NIPS workshop on *Probabilistic Numerics* (see “Workshops” above) by the ERC integrated project, the “PASCAL framework” (4,000 €)
- ▶ Max Planck Grassroots grants (internal funding calls at the MPI for Intelligent Systems)
 - 2016 *Efficient Optimization of Deep Architectures*, with J. Romero & M. Mahsereci, Tübingen – 20,000 €
 - 2014/15 *Bayesian Optimization for Automatic Controller Design*, with Sebastian Trimpe, Tübingen – 5,000 €
 - 2013/14 *Nonparametric Modeling for Collective Cell Migration Dynamics* (follow-up from previous year) – 47,000 €
 - 2012/13 *Nonparametric Modeling for Collective Cell Migration Dynamics*, with Heike Böhm, Heidelberg – 30,000 €
 - 2012/13 *Multidimensional, Transductive Inference in Electron Microscopy*, with Peter v. Aken, Wilfried Sigle, Stefan Harmeling, Stuttgart – 7,500 €

Selected Scholarships & Awards

10 / 2007 – 10 / 2010 Microsoft Research PhD Scholarship

Competitive PhD scholarship (20 places awarded throughout Europe). Total value £66,000

since 10 / 2007 Honorary Scholar of the Cambridge European Trust

Originally including partial PhD funding (declined due to above PhD scholarship), subsequently changed to honorary status