

# Dr. Heiko Schütt

## Curriculum Vitae

NYU, Center for Neural Science (CNS)  
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### Research Experience

- 2018–today **Postdoctoral Associate**, *New York University & Columbia University*, New York.  
Alternatives to Bayesian observer models  
Representational similarity analysis  
Perceptual Organization  
Prof. Weiji Ma & Prof. Nikolaus Kriegeskorte
- 2014–2018 **Research Fellow**, *Eberhardt Karls Universität*, Tübingen.  
Early vision and dynamical eye movement models.  
Prof. Felix Wichmann & Prof. Ralf Engbert (Potsdam)

### Education

- 2014–2018 **PhD. Neural and Behavioural Sciences**, *Graduate Training Center for Neuroscience*, Tübingen, Germany, *summa cum laude*.  
"Modelling Early Spatial Vision and its Influence on Eye Movements in Natural Scenes"  
Supervisors: Prof. Felix Wichmann & Prof. Ralf Engbert
- 2012–2014 **MSc. Neural and Behavioural Sciences**, *Graduate Training Center for Neuroscience*, Tübingen, Germany, *Grade 1.1 (very good, scale: 1-6)*.  
"Painless Bayesian Inference for Psychometric Functions"  
Supervisor: Prof. Felix Wichmann
- 2010–2014 **BSc. Mathematics**, *Eberhardt Karls Universität*, Tübingen.
- 2009–2012 **BSc. Psychology**, *Justus Liebig Universität*, Gießen.

### Professional Activities

- 2015–2021 **Reviewer** *Attention, Perception & Psychophysics, Behavioural Research Methods, i-Perception, ICLR, Journal of Experimental Psychology: HPP, Journal of Neurophysiology, Journal of Neuroscience Methods, Journal of Vision, NeurIPS (2019, 2021), NBDT, Plos Computational Biology, Plos One, PNAS, Psychological Review, Psychonomic Bulletin and Review*

### Teaching experience

- 2019–today **complete series**, *Representation and Inference reading group*, NYU.
- Fall 2019 **single lecture**, *From illusions to inference*, NYU.
- Winter 2017–2018 **complete series**, *Introduction to Psychtoolbox*, Tübingen.

## List of acquired third-party funding

- 2018-2021 **Forschungsstipendium**, *German Research Foundation*, Germany, SCHU 3351/1-1.  
Full funding for 2 years and 3 Months (100 260.16 €)
- 2010-2014 **Scholarship**, *Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes*, Giessen & Tübingen.  
German scholarship of the federal ministry

## List of Publications

## Current Projects

- Schütt, H. H.** , Simoncelli, E. , and Ma, W. J. (in preparation). A local probabilistic model of visual segmentation.
- Schütt, H. H.** , Mur, M. , and Kriegeskorte, N. (in preparation). Bootstrapping for two random effects.
- Schütt, H. H.** , Diedrichsen, J. , Kipnis, A. D. , and Kriegeskorte, N. (in preparation). Statistical inference on representational geometries. <https://github.com/rsagroup/rsatoolbox>.
- Kuperwajs, I. , **Schütt, H. H.** , van Opheusden, B. , and Ma, W. J. (in preparation). Estimating human consistency in a two-player board game using deep neural networks.

## Research Articles

- Schütt, H. H.** , Yoo, A. H. , Calder-Travis, J. M. , and Ma, W. J. (preprint). Point estimate observers: a new class of models for perceptual decision making. *PsyArXiv*: [psyarxiv.com/bqkf4](https://psyarxiv.com/bqkf4).
- Flachot, A. , Akbarinia, A. , **Schütt, H. H.** , Fleming, R. W. , Wichmann, F. A. , and Gegenfurtner, K. R. (preprint). Deep Neural Models for color discrimination and color constancy. *arXiv:2012.14402 [cs]*.
- Diedrichsen, J. , Berlot, E. , Mur, M. , **Schütt, H. H.** , Shahbazi, M. , and Kriegeskorte, N. (2021). Comparing representational geometries using whitened unbiased-distance-matrix similarity. *Neurons, Behavior, Data analysis, and Theory*.
- Schütt, H. H.** , Rothkegel, L. O. M. , Trukenbrod, H. A. , Engbert, R. , and Wichmann, F. A. (2019). Disentangling bottom-up versus top-down and low-level versus high-level influences on eye movements over time. *Journal of Vision*, 19(3):1–23.
- Rothkegel, L. O. M. , **Schütt, H. H.** , Trukenbrod, H. A. , Wichmann, F. A. , and Engbert, R. (2019). Searchers adjust their eye-movement dynamics to target characteristics in natural scenes. *Scientific Reports*, 9(1):1635.
- Geirhos, R. , Temme, C. R. M. , Rauber, J. , **Schütt, H. H.** , Bethge, M. , and Wichmann, F. A. (2018). Generalisation in humans and deep neural networks. In Bengio, S. , Wallach, H. , Larochelle, H. , Grauman, K. , Cesa-Bianchi, N. , and Garnett, R. , editors, *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 31*, pages 7538–7550. Curran Associates, Inc.
- Wichmann, F. A. , Janssen, D. H. J. , Geirhos, R. , Aguilar, G. , **Schütt, H. H.** , Maertens, M. , and Bethge, M. (2017). Methods and measurements to compare men against machines. *Electronic Imaging*, 2017(14):36–45.
- Schütt, H. H.** and Wichmann, F. A. (2017). An image-computable psychophysical spatial vision model. *Journal of Vision*, 17(12):12:1–35.
- Schütt, H. H.** , Rothkegel, L. O. M. , Trukenbrod, H. A. , Reich, S. , Wichmann, F. A. , and Engbert, R. (2017). Likelihood-based parameter estimation and comparison of dynamical cognitive models. *Psychological Review*, 124(4):505–524.
- Rothkegel, L. O. M. , Trukenbrod, H. A. , **Schütt, H. H.** , Wichmann, F. A. , and Engbert, R. (2017). Temporal evolution of the central fixation bias in scene viewing. *Journal of Vision*, 17(13):3.

- Schütt, H. H.** , Harmeling, S. , Macke, J. H. , and Wichmann, F. A. (2016). Painfree and accurate Bayesian estimation of psychometric functions for (potentially) overdispersed data. *Vision Research*, 122:105–123.
- Schütt, H. H.** , Baier, F. , and Fleming, R. W. (2016). Perception of light source distance from shading patterns. *Journal of Vision*, 16(3):9:1–20.
- Rothkegel, L. O. , Trukenbrod, H. A. , **Schütt, H. H.** , Wichmann, F. A. , and Engbert, R. (2016). Influence of initial fixation position in scene viewing. *Vision Research*, 129:33–49.

## Theses

- Schütt, H. H.** (2018). *Modelling early spatial vision and its influence on eye movements in natural scenes*. PhD thesis, Graduate School for Neural and Behavioural Sciences, Eberhardt Karls Universität Tübingen.
- Schütt, H. H.** (2014). Painless bayesian inference for psychometric functions. Master's thesis, Graduate School for Neural and Behavioural Sciences, Eberhardt Karls Universität Tübingen.
- Schütt, H. H.** (2014). Maximumsabschätzungen für diskretisierungen elliptischer partieller differenzialgleichungen ("maximum bounds for discretizations of elliptic partial differential equations"). Bachelor's thesis (mathematics), Eberhardt Karls Universität Tübingen.
- Schütt, H. H.** (2012). Influence of roughness and gloss on perceived light distance. Bachelor's thesis (psychology), Justus Liebig Universität Gießen.

## Conference Abstracts

- Schütt, H. H.** and Wichmann, F. A. (2019). A divisive model of midget and parasol ganglion cells explains the contrast sensitivity function. In *Vision Science Society (VSS), Annual meeting, St. Pete Beach, FL, USA (poster)*.
- Schütt, H. H.** and Ma, W. (2019). Dead Rectangles as a Stimulus for Perceptual Organisation Research. In *2019 Conference on Cognitive Computational Neuroscience*, Berlin, Germany. Cognitive Computational Neuroscience.
- Flachot, A. C. , **Schütt, H. H.** , Fleming, R. W. , Wichmann, F. , and Gegenfurtner, K. R. (2019). Color Constancy in Deep Neural Networks. In *Vision Science Society (VSS), Annual meeting, St. Pete Beach, FL, USA (poster)*.
- Wichmann, F. A. and **Schütt, H. H.** (2018). Modelling early influences on visual perception. In *European Conference on Visual Perception (ECPV), Trieste, Italy (talk,symposium)*.
- Schütt, H. H.** , Rothkegel, L. , Trukenbrod, H. A. , Engbert, R. , and Wichmann, F. A. (2018). Predicting the fixation density over time. In *14th Biannual Conference of the German Cognitive Science Society (KogWis), Darmstadt, Germany (talk)*.
- Schütt, H. H.** , Rothkegel, L. , Trukenbrod, H. A. , Engbert, R. , and Wichmann, F. A. (2018). Predicting fixation densities over time from early visual processing. In *Vision Science Society (VSS), Annual meeting, St. Pete Beach, FL, USA (poster)*.
- Schütt, H. H.** , Rothkegel, L. , Trukenbrod, H. A. , Engbert, R. , and Wichmann, F. A. (2018). Predicting fixation densities over time from early visual processing. In *European Conference on Visual Perception (ECPV), Trieste, Italy (poster)*.

- Schütt, H. H.** , Rothkegel, L. , Trukenbrod, H. A. , Reich, S. , Engbert, R. , and Wichmann, F. A. (2017). Likelihood-based parameter estimation and comparison of dynamical eye movement models. In *European Conference on Eye Movements (ECEM)*, Wuppertal, Germany (talk).
- Schütt, H. H.** , Rothkegel, L. , Trukenbrod, H. A. , Engbert, R. , and Wichmann, F. A. (2017). Using an image-computable early vision model to predict eye movements. In *European Conference on Visual Perception (ECVP)*, Berlin, Germany (poster).
- Schütt, H. H.** , Rothkegel, L. , Trukenbrod, H. A. , Engbert, R. , and Wichmann, F. A. (2017). Testing an early vision model on natural image stimuli. In *Vision Science Society (VSS), Annual meeting, St. Pete Beach, FL, USA* (poster).
- Rothkegel, L. O. M. and Schütt, H. H. , Trukenbrod, H. A. , Wichmann, F. A. , and Engbert, R. (2017). We know what we can see - peripheral visibility of search targets shapes eye movement behavior in natural scenes. In *Vision Science Society (VSS), Annual meeting, St. Pete Beach, FL, USA* (poster).
- Geirhos, R. , Janssen, D. , **Schütt, H. H.** , Bethge, M. , and Wichmann, F. A. (2017). Of human observers and deep neural networks: A detailed psychophysical comparison. In *Vision Science Society (VSS), Annual meeting, St. Pete Beach, FL, USA* (poster).
- Wichmann, F. A. , Eichert, N. , and **Schütt, H. H.** (2016). An image-based multi-channel model for light adaptation. In *Vision Science Society (VSS), Annual meeting, St. Pete Beach, FL, USA* (talk).
- Schütt, H. H.** and Wichmann, F. A. (2016). An image-based model for early visual processing. In *ModVis, St. Pete Beach, FL, USA* (talk).
- Schütt, H. H.** and Wichmann, F. A. (2016). An image-based model for early visual processing. In *Vision Science Society (VSS), Annual meeting, St. Pete Beach, FL, USA* (poster).
- Schütt, H. H.** , Baier, F. , and Fleming, R. W. (2016). Perception of light source distance from shading patterns. In *Tagung experimentell arbeitender Psychologen (TeaP)*, Heidelberg (poster).
- Schütt, H. H.** (2016). Likelihood based evaluations for dynamical eye movement models. In *Cambridge Vision Workshop, Cambridge, UK* (talk).
- Rothkegel, L. O. , Trukenbrod, H. , **Schütt, H. H.** , Wichmann, F. A. , and Engbert, R. (2016). Reducing the central fixation bias. In *Vision Science Society (VSS), Annual meeting, St. Pete Beach, FL, USA* (poster).
- Janssen, D. , **Schütt, H. H.** , and Wichmann, F. (2016). Some observations on the psychophysics of deep neural networks. In *Vision Science Society (VSS), Annual meeting, St. Pete Beach, FL, USA* (poster).
- Schütt, H. H.** , Trukenbrod, H. A. , Rothkegel, L. , and Engbert, R. (2015). Test of a dynamical model for natural scene exploration. In *2015 European Conference on Eye Movements, Vienna* (poster).
- Schütt, H. H.** , Harmeling, S. , Macke, J. H. , and Wichmann, F. A. (2015). Psignifit 4: Pain-free bayesian inference for psychometric functions. In *2015 VSS Annual Meeting, St. Pete Beach, Florida* (poster).
- Schütt, H. H.** , Baier, F. , and Fleming, R. W. (2015). Perception of light source distance from shading patterns. In *Tagung experimentell arbeitender Psychologen (TeaP)*, Heidelberg (poster).
- Schütt, H. H.** and Wichmann, F. A. (2014). Uncertainty effects in visual psychophysics. In *Tagung experimentell arbeitender Psychologen (TeaP)*, Giessen (poster).

**Schütt, H. H.** , Harmeling, S. , Macke, J. H. , and Wichmann, F. A. (2014). Pain-free bayesian inference for psychometric functions. In *European Mathematical Psychology Group Meeting (EMPG), Tübingen (poster)*.

**Schütt, H. H.** , Harmeling, S. , Macke, J. H. , and Wichmann, F. A. (2014). Pain-free bayesian inference for psychometric functions. In *Statistical Challenges in Neuroscience, University of Warwick, UK (poster)*.

**Schütt, H. H.** , Harmeling, S. , Macke, J. H. , and Wichmann, F. A. (2014). Pain-free bayesian inference for psychometric functions. In *European Conference on Visual Perception (ECPV), Belgrad, SRB (poster)*.