Verena Bellscheidt

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EDUCATION

PhD Physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge MA (USA)

2025 -

• Graduate student at the MIT Center for Theoretical Physics - a Leinweber Institute

B. Sc. Physics, Technical University of Munich, Garching (Germany)

2021 - 2025

- Passed with distinction
- Thesis: Neural Network Parametrisation of Generalised Wilson Loops in Lattice QCD
- Supervisor: Nora Brambilla

INTERNSHIPS

Internship, Nicolaus Copernicus Astronomical Center, Warsaw (Poland)

Aug - Oct 2023

- Project title: Chemical abundances in a planet-host star of the Praesepe open cluster
- Study of possible correlation between chemical abundances in the stellar atmosphere and the existence of planets around the star, using stellar spectra observed with the Very Large Telescope (VLT)
- Supervisor: Rodolfo Smiljanic

Internship, Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics, Garching (Germany)

Sep - Oct 2022

- Co-authored two papers [2, 1]
- I continued working on this project with my supervisor, Enrico Garaldi, until July 2023.
- Study of the Galaxy–Lyman- α cross-correlation in the Thesan simulations (cosmological radiation-hydrodynamic simulations of the Epoch of Reionization)
- Study of the relationship between the optical depth along lines of sights and the distribution of galaxies around them using data from the Thesan simulations

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

MIT physics graduate fellowship Covers tuition fees and salary for one year ($\approx $120,000$)	2025
Distinction for undergraduate performance at the Technical University of Munich	2025
Female physicist of the week Featured on the social media channels of the German Physical Society	2025
DAAD RISE worldwide scholarship Full funding for a research internship abroad ($\in 1984$)	2023
Deutschlandstipendium Germany's national scholarship ($\in 3600$)	2021
e-fellows.net Scholarship Networking scholarship for students	2021
Abitur prize of the German Physical Society (one year of free membership)	2021

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant, Technical University of Munich, Garching (Germany)

2023 - 2025

- Tasks: Lead weekly 90 min. tutorials for 15-20 undergraduate students, graded homework and exams
- Courses: Winter 2024/25: Introduction to Scientific Programming (IN8008) Ø1.5 tutorials per week

Summer 2024: Theoretical Physics 1: Classical Mechanics (PH0005) Winter 2023/24: Theoretical Physics 2: Electrodynamics (PH0006)

SUMMER SCHOOLS

Dark Matter and the Cosmos - Summer school by TU Munich, FAU, and the University of Stuttgart 2022

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German Physical Society (DPG)

2021 -

SKILLS

Programming: C++, Python (incl. PyTorch), Bash, basic knowledge of Mathematica

Languages: English (C2), German (native speaker)

Other: Completed vocational training as foreign language correspondent (German/English) in parallel to secondary school

PUBLICATIONS (*UNDER REVIEW)

- [2] * E. Garaldi and V. Bellscheidt. The galaxy-IGM connection in THESAN: observability and information content of the galaxy-Lyman- α cross-correlation at $z \ge 6$. arXiv: 2410.02850 [astro-ph.CO].
- [1] * E. Garaldi and V. Bellscheidt. The galaxy-IGM connection in THESAN: the physics connecting the IGM Lyman-α opacity and galaxy density in the reionization epoch. arXiv: 2410.02853 [astro-ph.CO].

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